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Post on base closure list; 'calm' urged



Col. Charles J. O'Brien answers the media's questions during a Dec. 30 press conference in front of Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army on post.

story and photo by Steve Morey

Presidians are urged "not to overreact" and "to stay calm' in the wake of a Dec. 29 Pentagon comnission report listing the post and one of its sulinstallations as among 86 military bases recommended to be shut down.

According to oficial post spokesman, Col. Charles J. O'Brien, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army Public AffairsOfficer, Presidians should be aware that if the proposal is actually approved, the post won't shut down overnight.

"Regardless of what [Sixth Army's command does], there will be a certain amount of rumor, panic and concern," explained O'Brien.

Under the plan, the 212-year-old post, along with Hamilton Army Airfield in Marin County, would close no sooner than Jan. 1, 1990. The entire process could take up to seven years, said O'Brien.

Cost cutting

Looking for ways to cut defense costs, the 12-member Commission on Base Realignment and Closure, established May 3, 1988, also recommended substantial realignment of 54 additional bases and the partial shutdown of five others.

Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci has until Jan. 16 to accept or reject the entire list. If he accepts the list, it will be sent to Congress, which would have 45 days, starting March 1, to approve or reject the list.

Nationwide, the base closings would save the government $5.6 billion over a 20-year period. It was projected by the commission that closing the Presidio and Hamilton Army Airfield would save the government $74 million a year.

"General Moore is very, very concerned about the quality of life on this post," stressed O'Brien. "He wants everyone to keep in mind that the closure list has not been accepted or rejected at this point in time."

Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr. is Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. If the recommendations or the commissions are adopted after Congressional action, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, would move to Fort Carson, Colo.

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December 29, 1988

To members of the Presidio family:

The Presidio of San Francisco is on the list submitted to the Secretary of Defense of military bases recommended for realignment or closure. Also on the list is Hamilton Army Airfield.

This list was prepared by the secretary's Commission on Base Realignment and Closure and submitted to him on 29 December. Though the Presidio and HAAF are on the commission's list, I emphasize that this is just the first step in a lengthy process.

Before any closure or realignment takes place, either at the Presidio or at other bases on the list, a series of actions must take place. First, the Secretary of Defense must either approve or reject the entire list of bases recommended for realignment or closure. He has until 16 January to do so and he cannot make additions or deletions.

If the Secretary rejects the list, the process stops. However, if he approves the list, it will be forwarded to Congress.

Congress then would have a 45-day legislative period, starting 1 March, to approve or reject the entire list. A majority vote in both the Senate and House of Representatives would be required for Congress to veto the list.

Should Congress approve the list, formal closing actions would not start until 1 January, 1990. The earliest any base on the list would be closed or realigned would be 30 September 1991 and the latest would have to be completed by 30 September 1995.

It is premature, at this time, to speculate on the final outcome of the study, the status of the Presidio, or the manner in which civilian workers or soldiers would be affected.

No immediate actions towards realignment or closure, therefore, are being taken at this time. I encourage all members of the Presidio civilian workforce to remain in your present jobs and to await the final outcome of a process that could go on for up to seven years.

My staff and I will do everything possible to keep the entire Presidio community informed about the progress of the base closure and realignment process. I also want to assure you that, historically, the Army has done an excellent job in finding continuing employment for workers affected by realignments or closures. We will continue to do so.

As the Base Closure and Realignment list progresses through its many steps, we will all learn the extent to which the Presidio will be affected. I pledge to you that my staff and I will do our utmost to make any transition as smooth as possible for all members of the Presidio family.

Sincerely,

James E. Moore, Jr.
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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561-2018 (Presidians)
561-3660 (media)

Voices

Post closure: stepping stone or stumbling block?

by Liz Greeley

What do you say to the people running about saying, "The base is closing! The sky is falling! Whatever shall we do?!" Well, I guess the first thing you do is get your facts straight. Tell them the truth: *Maybe* the base is closing, and *maybe* the Presidio is closing. We don't *know* yet.

As a reminder, first Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci has to approve the base closure recommendations list, then it goes to Congress. Only if Carlucci and Congress both agree the recommendations are valid, (not to mention the President) does the Presidio close. Even then, the closure can't *begin* any earlier than January 1990. It's up to you to decide how likely the recommendation approval is—I left my crystal ball at home. But we can consider worst-case scenarios.

OK, sometime in March, Congress votes in favor of the closures. Now what? Well, a friend of mine in the Civilian Personnel Directorate said the worst thing to do would be to panic If it comes, closure could take years, and in the meantime, the Army will need someone to run things on the Presidio. That's us.

We'll be needed to keep things running here for an indefinite length of time. Later, we'll probably have some idea of how long. Right now, I don't know how long, or even *how* the closure process will work. But my guess is the Department of Defense won't just pick a date, "On January 4, 1991, all operations at the Presidio of San Francisco will cease." Doesn't seem likely does it?

It seems more likely to me the Army will make a phased withdrawal from the Presidio if the Department of Defense requires us to leave. I don't think you can just shut off the electricity, gas, and heat plants and leave. Even after you do, you'll still need someone around to repair things. There's maintenance to be done, and someone has to do it. A hospital can't shut down overnight either; Letterman Army Medical Center employees (and patients) won't receive a date to evict *in toto* either.

So don't panic. Whatever happens, it won't happen overnight. Just keep reminding yourself, if approved, base closures don't begin until January 1990, and the government is committed to employees displaced by the closure. Civilian Personnel *may* be one of the last agencies to go, since the government has to find displaced employees new positions elsewhere.

But maybe something I picked up when I went to the Defense Information School will help you more. I don't know who the author is, but here it is:

Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people, like you and me
Are builders of eternity.
Each is given a list of rules,
A shapeless mass, and a bag of tools,
And each must fashion, ere his life is flown
A stumbling block . . .
Or a stepping stone.

As I see it, if closure becomes a fact, whether it becomes a stumbling block or a stepping stone is up to each of us.

Presidians get 1989 thanks for jobs well-done

Dear Staff of the Child Development Center:

As a parent on the Presidio, I would like to extend a warm thank you for making it through a terribly difficult year. You have provided quality care to our children in spite of public and private humiliation; in spite of parental and administrative hypervigilance; and in spite of self-doubt.

You were the man- and woman-power behind the big move to the new building and you converted this shiny new center into a warm, happy, inviting home-away-from-home for our kids. You have lived through unbelievable scrutiny just because you believed in what you were doing with the kids. You've even given up entire evenings in order to train yourselves to be even better.

You have sacrificed lunch breaks in order to watch a late parent's child. You have been pleasant no matter what; in fact, you have bent over backwards to put on a happy face in an effort to calm everyone's fears.

So I thank you—and salute you—for you perseverance and dedication during hard times! The best to all of you in 1989.

Sincerely,
Christine E. Cockrell
Presidio family member

San Francisco USO on post would like to thank everyone for their big smiles this past year. While the post USO may be small, its accomplishments are by no means of little consequence. Last year approximately $100,000 worth of free tickets were given to the Presidio community. Fifty spouses found work through the Job Search Program—which generated more than $500,000 in disposable *income to Presidians.*

Special thanks to: Col. Joseph V. Rafferty, Garrison Comander, sergeants at Letterman Army Medical Center, Thrift Shop and Staff Judge Advocate staffs, folks in the Mail Room, 1st Lt. Thomas P. Cassidy for laughs, and Col. Valenti for magic tricks. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ruth Ann Dorsey
Post's USO Program Director

Ramblin' Sam

"What is the most important thing that happened on the Presidio in 1988?"



1st Lt. Mary Van Atta, adjutant, Headquarters Command Battalion: "Having the construction of Burger King approved, since my favorite meal is Whopper with cheese."



Ben Fields, retired Navy chief petty officer: "I believe that having the Navy take over LAMC was the best thing that could have happened. I just believe that the Navy will manage it better."



Sgt. Chris Fernandez, trumpeter, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "The building of the new commissary and the new Bowling Center. It's important because now these services are next door to where most of the soldiers here work."



Jean Sander, military family member: "The big changes at LAMC [Letterman Army Medical Center]. The obstetric clinic closed and now everyone that has a baby has to go to Oakland [and the Naval care facilities there]. But the dental clinic has more people now than it did in 1987. It's saving me a lot of money to go there."

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Hot line

To minimize any panic, a letter from Moore was distributed throughout the post Dec. 30. (A copy of the letter accompanies this article.)

In addition, two "hot lines" to Sixth U.S. Army's PAO have been set up to handle inquiries about the commission's report and how it affects Presidians. Although they may not be able to answer every question, said O'Brien, the PAO staff will respond to all calls.

The numbers are **561-2018** (for Presidians); and **561-3660** (for media inquiries).

"Any response on our part *at this time* is purely conjecture—speculation. Whatever the outcome, General Moore wants both military and civilian personnel on post to know his command will do everything to make any transition as smooth as possible," said O'Brien.

Providing jobs and annual wages of nearly $150 million for more than 6,000 soldiers and civilians, the Presidio ranks as the fifth largest employer in San Francisco.

This isn't the first time the Presidio has been recommended for closure. Twice before, the 1,441-acre post was "put on the blocks," so to speak, and twice community leaders rallied to save it.

Slated for closure in the late 1970s, the post was kept alive through the efforts of then-Mayor Dianne Feinstein and public support; and in 1982, the post was saved from a planned public sale.

Presidio a park?

If closed, the Presidio could be turned into the nation's largest urban park. Under 1972 legislation, Golden Gate National Recreation Area was created and given control of 35,000 acres of Federal property; this includes the post's 1,441 acres.

Assuming the Army departed, and the Department of Defense had no other need for the land, the National Park Service's GGNRA would assume control and management of Presidio's land and buildings.

When asked about the effect the closing of the post would have on the local community, O'Brien cited two factors.

The Presidio, popular for its scenery, historic buildings and parking facilities for Crissy Field events, is an open Army post and has always been "a good neighbor of 'The City.' "

Closely related to the "good neighbor" aspect, explained O'Brien, is the willingness of the Army to support the Bay Area in civic and charitable fund-raising events. The Sixth U.S. Army Band, military guest speakers, Garrison support and the aforementioned Crissy Field parking, all contribute to the good rapport the post historically has had with the community.

"The Presidio has always been there when it's been needed," O'Brien said, "especially during the disastrous [1906] Earthquake. The post's command and soldiers helped save 'The City'— so the good feeling between The City and the post still remains today."

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Medical Records Technician (Typing): GS-675-5, 144-89RJ, closes Monday.
Patient Representative Assistant: GS-303-06, 145-89RJ, closes Monday.
Motor Vehicle Operator: WG-5703-07, 146-89MG, closes Monday.
Public Affairs Specialist: GS-1035-05/07/09, 147-89MG, closes Tuesday.
Budget and Accounting Assistant: GS-503-04/05, 148-89EW, closes Tuesday.
Medical Technologist: GS-644-12, 149-89MG, closes Tuesday.
Budget Assistant: GS-561-07, 150-89RJ, closes Tuesday.
Installation Maintenance Manager: GS-1061-12, 151-89MS, closes Jan. 13.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732**, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.61 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Education Technician: UA-1702-05, $7.24 an hour, regular, part-time; location: Child Development Center.
Child Caregiver: PS-186-02, $5.89 an hour, regular, part-time; location: Child Development Center.
Custodial Worker Foreman: NS-3566-01, $7.20 an hour, regular, full-time; location: Billeting Branch.
Recreation Aide: PS-189-03,$5.89 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Operation Assistant (2 positions): PS-1101-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call: location: NCO/Enlisted Club.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-02, $5.86 an hour, intermitt nt on-call; location: NCO/Enlisted Club.
Desk Clerk: PS-1176-03, $5.89 an hour, regular, part-time location: Billeting Branch.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call **561-5095** or **561-2947**.

News Briefs

King observance

For the post's observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and "King Week" (Jan. 8-14), a program will be held Jan 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the post theater. The keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. John H. Stanford, Commanding General of the Military Traffic Management Command.

The event is free and open to the entire Presidio community.

EYES returns

The post EYES program, serviced by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, is back after a temporary shut down due to mechanical difficulties. You can call **561-EYES** if you notice anything on post which needs repair, maintenance or removal, such as a tree limb across the sidewalk, broken street lights or trash on the side of the road.

Remember: the EYES have it!

PSF Idea of Excellence

Starting with today's issue, the *Star Presidian* will once again feature the **Idea of the Week**. This column is devoted to ingenious, cost-cutting Presidians who get their ideas approved by the Ideas for Excellence Program.

The inaugural 1989 Idea comes from Bobby Tate of Sixth U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics. Tate suggested the post's Supply and Services Division make available for sale to Presidians lower-cost, black safety shoes, furnished by General Services Administration.

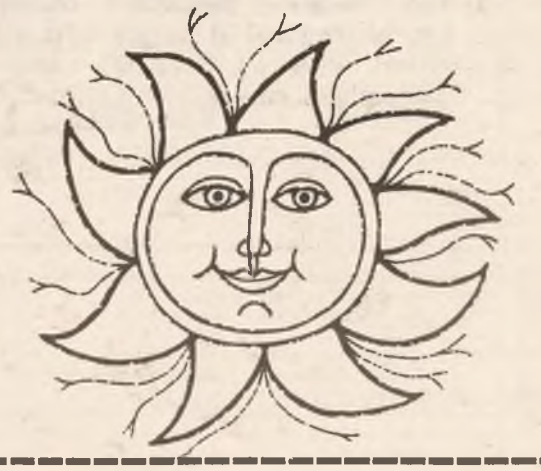
According to the chiefs of the Directorate of Logistics, Supply and Services, and Safety, Tate's Idea is a splendid way to save Presidians money. The shoes have been ordered and should be on the shelves sometime in the next three to four months.

You can step into the new year with an idea of your own—it only takes a flick of a pen, a short stroll, or a brief phone call. Once you've conjured up your idea to save Presidians money or time, drop off your completed, yellow Ideas form (found in most post buildings) to the Ideas Office in bldg. 220, room 104. Or call the Ideas staff at **561-IDEA** or **561-2125**.

Energy Tip of the Week

Reduce the amount of man-made energy it takes to make your home or office more comfortable in the winter.

Open your window shades on the south and west sides during sunny days and close them at night. The sun's energy will do the heating during the day, and you'll retain it in the evening. The only heating you might have to do would be for a short time in the mornings.



1st Selective Service 'signee' makes history

LAFAYETTE, La.—Joseph Frank, a resident and city employee of Lafayette, celebrates his birthday tomorrow. By turning 26, Frank unknowingly establishes a milestone for an agency of the U.S. Government and earns himself a minor place in history.

Eight years ago, Frank was the first 18-year-old man to sign up and be processed by the Selective Service System under the continuous draft registration program. From tomorrow on, however, if Congress and the president order a return to military conscription under the present law, Frank is too old to be drafted. He becomes the first man since Vietnam to pass through the full, eight-year-long period of draft eligibility without being drafted.

Names and addresses of men ages 18 through 25 are kept on file by Selective Service for use in a national emergency. If Congress reinstates the draft, men most likely to be called into military service would be those who turn 20 during that calendar year. Selective Service would first conduct a birthdate lottery to determine the order of call within that age group and then, depending upon the manpower requirements of the crisis, those men whose birthdays draw low lottery numbers would be more likely to be called.

There has not been a draft since 1973 when the U.S. switched to an all-volunteer military force. In 1975, the Selective Service System was placed in "deep standby" status and the requirement for men to register was suspended. But it wasn't long before several studies and commission reports noted that a draft would be needed again if the country ever became involved in a major conflict.

They predicted it would take too long to get men registered, classified, inducted and trained. In 1980, after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Carter revitalized the Selective Service System and reinstated the registration requirement for men. On Jan. 5, 1981, registration of 18-year-old men began again and has continued. Today, using computer technology, the System can begin issuing thousands of induction orders via Western Union "Mailgrams" in three days or less, once Congress and the president give the go-ahead.

With few exceptions, federal law requires every man to register with Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday. (Men have a 60-day window in which to comply with the law: from 30 days before to 30 days after turning 18). The process is simple. Men furnish their names, addresses, and telephone and Social Security numbers by completing and signing a short form at any post office. A man who is out of the country around the time of his 18th birthday can register at any U.S. embassy or consular office.



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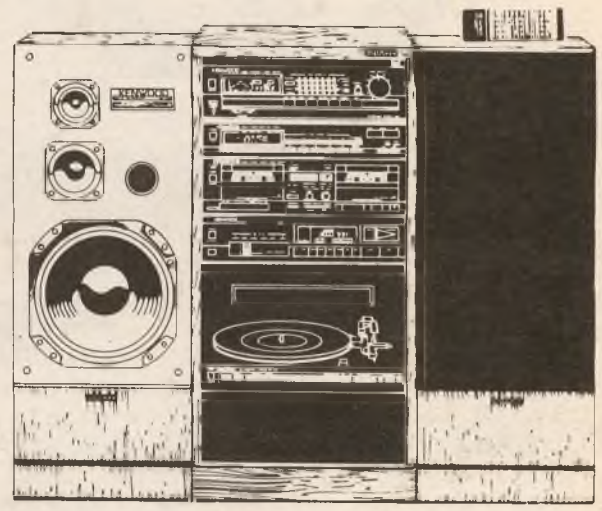
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Community Calendar

Bowling Center to close

Starting Monday, the Fort Scott Bowling Center will be closed until the new Bowling Center opens about Feb. 1.

The Fort Scott center snack bar will stay open on a reduced schedule. League secretaries should inform their bowlers, and prepare for the continuation of the league at the new center.

ITT

Entertainment '89: The Entertainment '89 Book is the Bay Area's most exclusive leisure discount guide featuring more than 1,000 "50 percent off" or "2-for-1" offers in the San Francisco/Marin edition. Get yours at ITT, bldg. 215, or call **561-3992** for more information.

Free Shrine tickets: Free tickets are available to all active, retired and civilian Presidians for the 64th annual East-West Shrine Football Classic and pageant. The complimentary tickets are presented by Islam, Kerak, Aahmes, Ben Ali, and Teran Temples.

The pageant starts at 10 a.m. with the kick-off at 11:40 a.m. on Jan. 15 at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto. Pick up your tickets at ITT. ITT is still open in the middle of the new construction work.

RV Show tix: For all you sports, boat and recreational vehicle fans, ITT has tickets for two shows. Discount coupons are now available for a Saturday through Jan. 15 show at Moscone Center; while Cow Palace coupons for tomorrow's show (through Jan. 15) are on their way.

Globetrotter tix: Harlem Globetrotter tickets are available at $9.50 each for the Jan. 21 game at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakland Coliseum.

Youth Activities

Last chance: Some openings are still available in Youth Activities preballet and pre-tap classes for boys and girls 4 to 5 years old. Sign up now—no new students will be accepted after Feb. 1. Class fee is $18 a month. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Tumbling classes: Starting tomorrow, classes will be held on Fridays in bldg. 1331 and taught by Kathy Plambeck. Classes are offered for boys and girls of all ages at beginner and intermediate levels. The schedule and fees are: 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., ages four to five, $18 a month. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., ages six through eight, $24 a month and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages nine through 12, $24 a month. Call Cathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call **929-TALK**.

Recycling

Recycling for January will be held on Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities groups will be visiting all housing areas, including Forts Baker and Barry. Please have your newspapers and all-aluminum cans set out by 9 a.m. to assure pick-up. All profits from this program go to the groups doing the work.

Intramural basketball

The 1989 post Intramural Basketball program begins Jan. 17. Competition for the 30 years-or-older group will be held during noon hours while full court play will be in the evening.

Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members (19 years and older), assigned or attached to the post are eligible to participate. Other installations/activities may participate upon written application to the Chief, Community Recreation Division, ATTN: Sports Branch. Installations/activities not supported by the Presidio of San Francisco will be required to pay their pro-ratio share for officials and awards.

A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. **Tuesday**, in bldg. 63 (Gym No. 1). Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting. Participation points towards the Commander's Cup Trophy will be awarded for units attending the meeting. Three points will be deducted for units failing to attend the rules interpretation meeting.

Entry deadline is 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For more information, call the Sports Branch at **561-5032**.



photo by Joel P. Smith

Army Days 1988

Spec. Nancy Herriot, a reservist on active duty with Sixth U.S. Army, awaits the helicopter air show during Army Days on May 7 at Hamilton Army Airfield.

Youth basketball

Youth basketball's deadline for registration is **today** at 2 p.m. Fourth grade boys are especially needed to fill out the roster for this team. However, roster slots are still available for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

The registration fee is $12, registration forms can be filled out at Gym No. 1. Youth Sports is also in need of volunteer assistant coaches. If you would like to donate your time for a worthy cause, please call Allen Posey at **561-4120**.

West Point testing

Gym No. 1 will be used Sunday for testing of candidates for the West Point Academy. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. It will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Jan. 5: They Live (R) 7 p.m. An unemployed construction worker discovers a diabolical plot involving the complete takeover of the human race by grotesque aliens.

Fri, Jan. 6: They Live (R) 7 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 7: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (PG) 7 p.m. Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd. A private eye who lives in a magical world where humans co-exist with animated characters, does some super sleuthing to save Roger Rabbit.

Sun, Jan. 8: The Accused (R) 7 p.m. Kelly McGillis, Jody Foster. A mesmerizing study of mob reaction to a gang rape of a young woman.

Mon, Jan. 9: The Accused (R) 7 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 10: Coming to America (R) 7 p.m. Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall. An African prince inherits a fortune and comes to America to escape a pre-arranged marriage and to find his own bride.

Wed, Jan. 11: Coming to America (R) 7 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 12: Everybody's All American (R) 7 p.m. Dennis Quaid, Jessica Lange. The rollercoaster life of an All American football hearo over a 25-year span.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Jan. 6	Bloodsport (R)	7 p.m.
Sat, Jan. 7	Chipmunk Adventure (G)	1 p.m.
Sat, Jan. 7	Shakedown (R)	7 p.m.

1988 Headliners

Post '88 news: celebrations, demonstrations, evacuation, closure recommendation

by Joel P. Smith

It was ushered in with a bang, and herded out with a pang. 1988 was first celebrated as the year a small arms repairman on post, in January, was awarded for discovering a way to save the Army $15,000 annually by hand-straightening bent rifle barrels. (1)

In its closing days, 1988 left us wondering if the oldest continually active post in the Army would be shut down. A federal committee Dec. 29 recommended the Presidio and 85 other military bases be closed to cut the defense budget.

In the following pages we bring you a pictorial remembrance of those highs and lows in the late, great '88—a smattering of hard news, human interest stories and sports headline grabbers in the year gone by.

Three thousand dollars and some minor-fame were Bob Betterton's award from the Department of the Army in January's first big news. A small arms repairman for the Directorate of Logistics, Betterton found in 1987 that he could save bent barrels—destined for the scrap bin—by straightening them in a vise. (See photo 1)

His discovery and 1988 award was perhaps the most notable in the 1988 Ideas of Excellence program.

March came in with a motor's roar and went out on the lamb. A motorized, alternative lifestyle organization, calling itself Dykes on Bikes, March 3 announced it would free women from the federal prison in Pleasanton.

Since the entrance to the prison lies on a Presidio subinstallation—Parks Reserve Forces Training Area—post soldiers were called on to protect Army property there.

Anti-Contra Aid demonstrators, numbering 250, taunted soldiers guarding the post gates March 5, but did not cross the human barricade. After the salty serenade, the group spray-painted graffiti on an old guard house at the fort's gate and left before any arrests were made.

Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, from the 6th Congressional District, spoke on post March 25, during Women's Histo'y Month. Boxer told Presidians she started working on women's issues "the very day" she got to Washington.

April was do-it-yourself month. The Self Help Center opened April 7—amidst a flurry of construction on post. Barracks for enlisted soldiers at Letterman Army Medical Center, an $11 million commissary, a Shoppette and a 12-lane bowling center were all 1988 post-improvement projects. (2)

More than 200 kids took over a building April 25. Lucky for them it was the new $2.3 million Child Development Center, next to the post library. (3)

Aerial dogfights, wing-walkers and precision paratroopers were the spectacle May 7 and 8 during Army Days at Hamilton Army Airfield. About 60,000 attended the might and flight show.

Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci May 10 announced that some DoD civilian employees would be subject to drug testing.

An Aug. 19 early morning bomb threat emptied the Presidio Theatre. Seven hundred Presidians followed Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. out the door after San Francisco police reported the unfounded threat.

Marsh, who had come to speak on the Army's 1988 theme (The Year of Training) reentered the building after a bomb squad searched it. "I want to thank General Moore (Sixth U.S. Army Commander) for such a nice California welcome," he said (tongue in cheek) to the tittering, returned audience.

Sept. 15 was last call for the 16th AG (Postal)—a rapid deployment postal detachment here. The 45-year-old unit had trained in Egypt, West Germany, Korea and Utah during the past 18 months. It was ceremoniously disbanded at the Log Cabin.

Bob Jimenez, news anchor for KRON-TV Channel 4, told Presidians Sept. 16 that networks "let historical bias and institutional racism dictate coverage." Speaking at the Officers' Club during Hispanic Heritage Week, Jimenez criticized the media for "neglecting the Hispanic population" and called for an egalitarian press corps. (4)

Sixth United States Army on Oct. 1 assumed command of the Presidio and its sub-installations (Fort Baker, Barry and Cronkhite, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Hamilton Army Air Field and Rio Vista U.S. Army Reserve Facility).

Fleet Week, the 213th birthday party for our Navy, was Oct. 13 to 20. The Blue Angels and a six-ship battle group were the Bay's biggest attractions and a heavy draw for Presidians.

The Shoppette opened Nov. 7, giving Presidians a chance to shop seven days a week; at later hours than the Commissary keeps.

The Army's top noncommissioned officer, Sergeant Major of the Army Julius W. Gates, visited the post Nov. 9. He spoke to more than 600 lower-ranking enlisted soldiers at the Presidio Theater. At LAMC he exhorted 400 post NCOs to "set and enforce Army standards for lower-ranking . . . soldiers." (5)

Former prisoners of war, numbering 330, were awarded the new POW medal on post Nov. 17. General officers from all branches of the service presented the medal—an eagle circled by barbed wire and bayonets. (6)

Defense Language Institute-San Francisco fell silent Dec. 8. The school was founded in 1983 to ease crowding at the Defense Language School at the Presidio of Monterey. It now will be leased to the city of San Francisco for conversion to an AIDS treatment facility.

A soldier who people here have called "a minor legend" retired Dec. 15. Sergeant Major Anthony F. Costa, with 30 years service—two of them in Vietman—left his top post at Headquarters Command Battalion. He moved to Fresno, Calif. with his wife Joyce.

The year's biggest news was the last: "Presidio to close," cried the local headlines. Our 212-year-old post was listed among 85 other military installations recommended for closure by a special government commission.

The Pentagon study concluded that trimming the bases would cut defense expenditures $5.6 billion over a 20-year period. San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos, and Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer vow they'll fight against the proposal, which may cost the Bay Area more than 9,400 "current and anticipated jobs," according to the *San Francisco Chronicle.*

Like many years, 1988 had its good and bad characteristics: a woman was brutally murdered on post (the investigation is still under way); the movie "Presidio" opened on post with Presidians as extras and, of course, the closure recommendation. Indeed, 1988 will be a year to remember.







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All signs lead to a wacky, wild Bay to Breakers Run on May 15 7.5-mile San Francisco course.

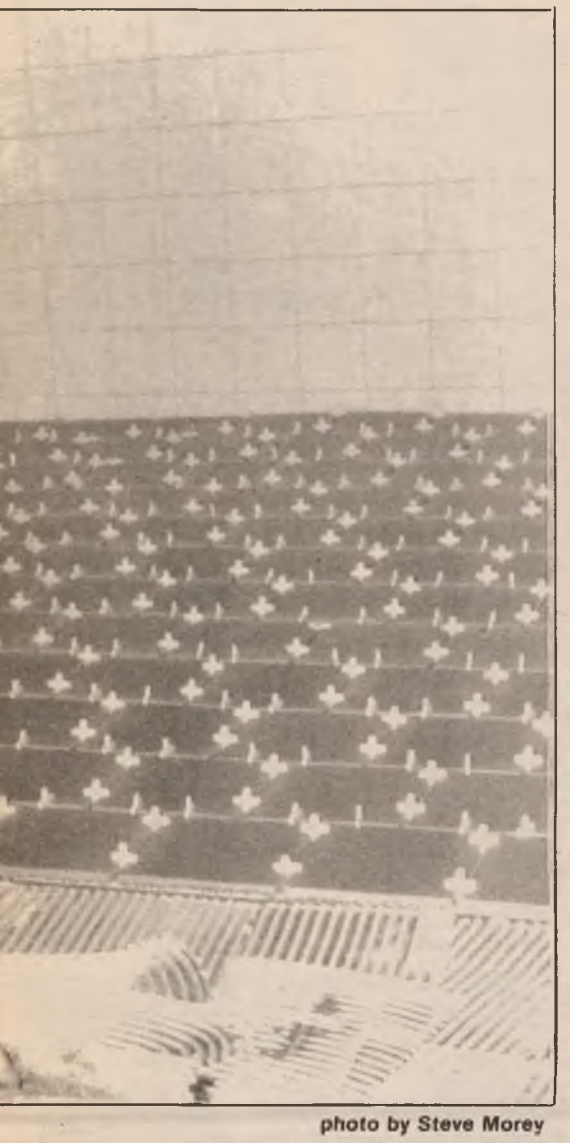


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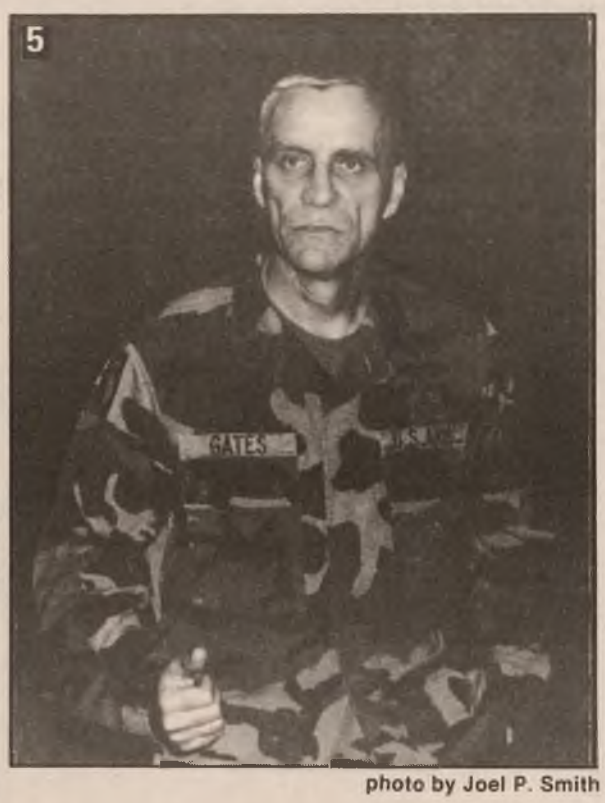


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1988 Human Interests

'Harry' to Halloween

by Joel P. Smith

Clint Eastwood attended a funeral on post March 4, while on the trail of a "murderer." Eastwood was filming a funeral scene in the latest movie in the *Dirty Harry* series: "The Dead Pool." (1)

In the Year of Training, several units got the chance to live the Army's 1988 theme. Ceremonial Platoon hiked seven miles of rolling hills between Fort Cronkhite and Stinson Beach March 21, while carrying full packs.

On April 20, an "earthquake" "injured" 80 servicemembers in the Bay Area. The men and women were the "victims" of a mass casualty exercise held annually in San Francisco to test the National Disaster Medical System. (2)

The exercise, usually held near the anniversary of the April 18, 1906, earthquake here, tests the ability of federal and private agencies to respond to a disaster. In this case, the 80 airmen and soldiers, were flown by Navy helicopters to area hospitals.

A reenactment of an historic run was held May 7. The "Message to Garcia" race is held on post annually. (3)

Special Olympians in San Francisco were drafted into the lives of several soldiers and civilians on post. Throughout the year, a dedicated core of about 12 soldiers helped train the athletes for the national games. (4)

On June 10, Presidians met a special young man named Andrew Watt. A 10-year-old soldier's son, Andrew was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer in 1986. "I'd like to grow up," Andrew told us, a few weeks before his August birthday. (5)

After undergoing a new form of radiation therapy, Andrew stands an excellent chance of doing just that, said his doctor. As for Andrew and his two-year-long trial, he told us, "Being in the hospital wasn't so bad. I got a lot of cards and I got to flirt with a lot of nurses."

Four scuba divers explored two cisterns beneath Fort Point. The State Park Service asked the four Presidians Aug. 30—all members of *Conquistadores del Mar* (Conquerors of the Sea) the dive club on post—to map the immense concrete water tanks. (6)

Battalion Organization Day, Sept. 2, featured a dunk tank, face-painters, several sports competitions and a pie-eating contest. The all-day event was held to celebrate the Dec. 15, 1983, founding of the battalion.

All organizations on post got a chance to compete in Activities Day, Sept. 14. Tug-of-wars, a guidon relay and a golfers skill test were among the events.

Company G of Defense Language Institute-San Francisco won bragging rights as best organization on post.

It was a horrific Halloween thanks once again to Kathy Wilson and her husband. The couple converted their home into a haunted house Oct. 31 and dared Presidians to visit— free! (7)



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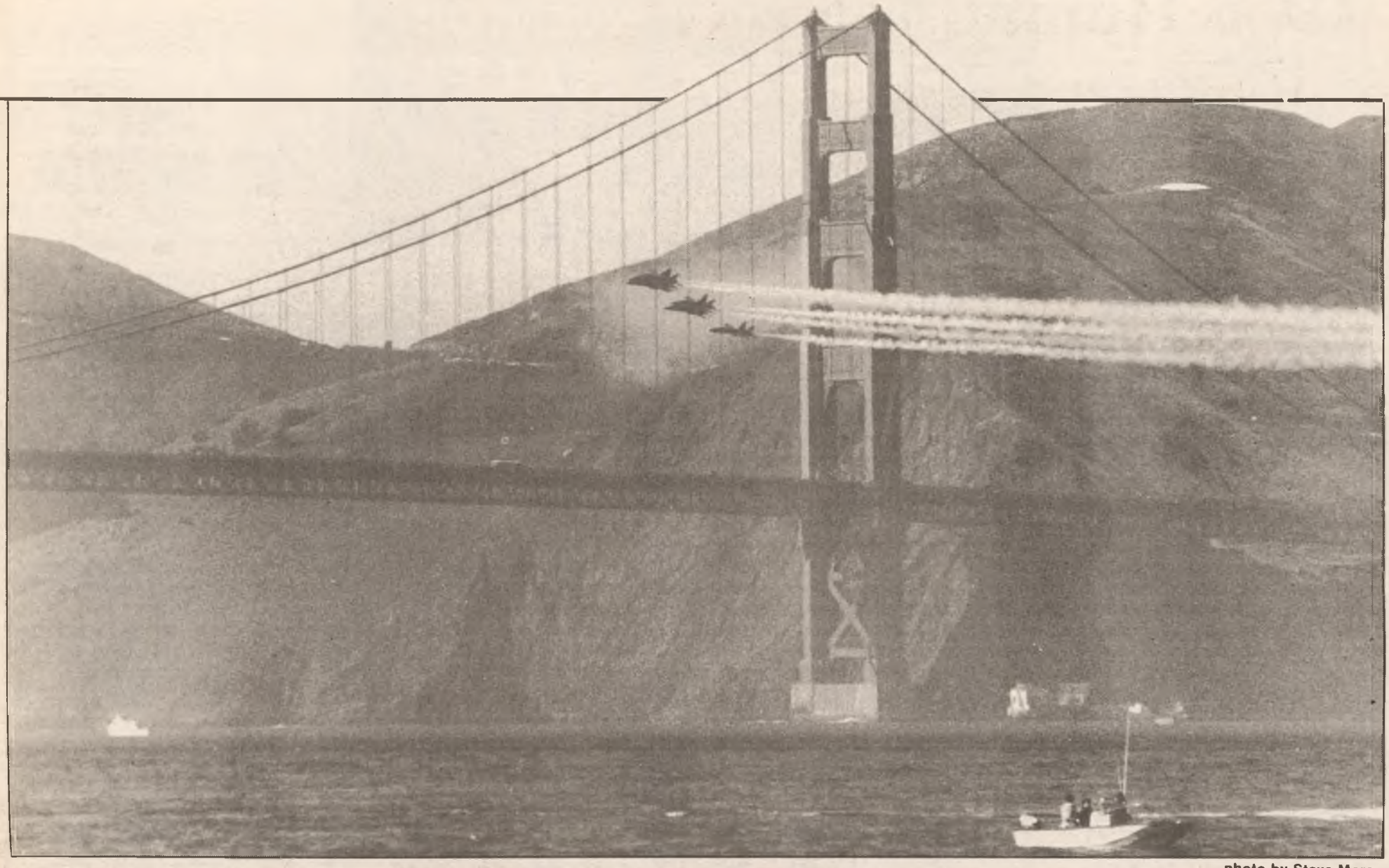
One of Santa's elves hams it up for Presidio children Dec. 22 during the Armed Forces Kids Christmas Party at the Palace of Fine Arts.



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The Navy's Blue Angels roar past the Golden Gate Bridge Oct. 15 during Fleet Week in San Francisco.

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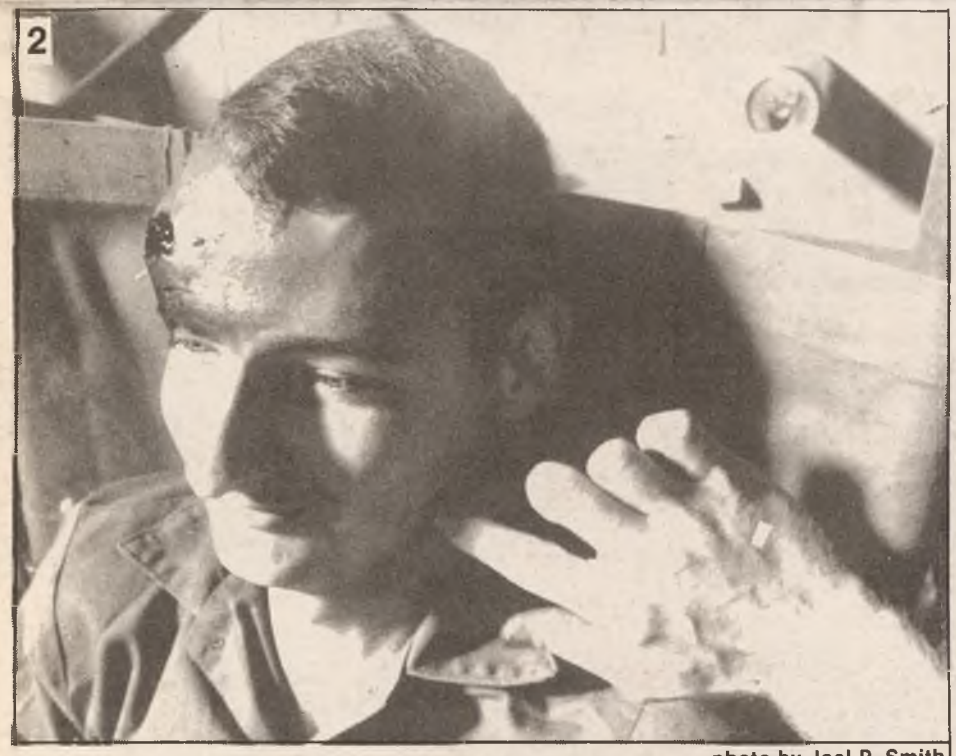


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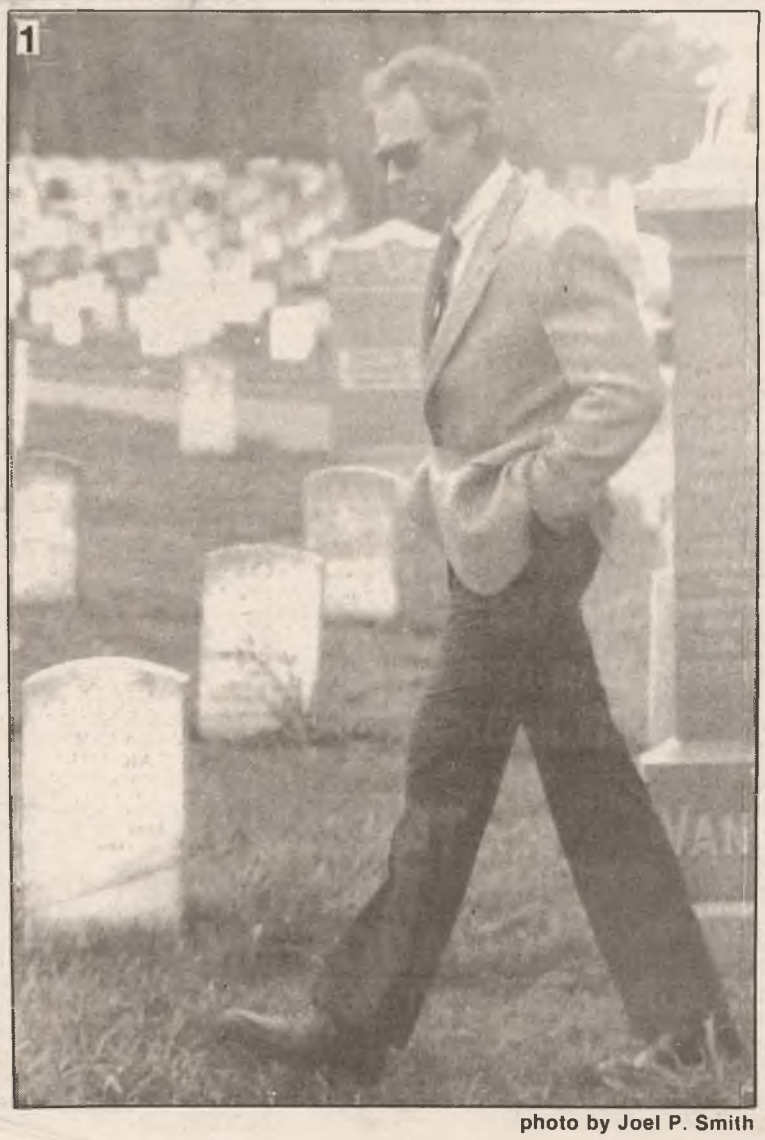


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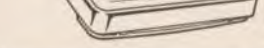
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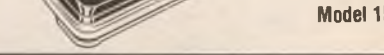
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1988 Sports

Post athletes spark '88 action; '89 on tap



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by Joel P. Smith

Early in the year, All-Army's Men's Basketball team, who practiced on post, netted a tournament championship Feb. 14. The team took the 22nd Annual Washington Basketball Tournament in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

The Bay to Breakers Run, a footrace cum block party, flooded city streets May 15. The 7.5 mile run attracted men dressed in gorilla suits, women dressed as men and *even* some serious competitors. Among the latter was Arturo Barrios of Mexico, who took the run in 34 minutes, 57.6 seconds, fourth fastest in the 77-year-old race.

Company B of Letterman Army Medical Center scraped by USAG No. 1, 224-225, in the annual Presidio Intramural Golf Championship May 26. (1)

Jeff Pierce, from San Diego, Calif., won the Aug. 9 race in the 14th Annual Coors International Bicycle Classic on post. Pierce finished the 3.3-mile course in 3:08:21. (2)

A colonel from LAMC won the 1988 Presidio Tennis Tournament. Nick Lapins, a 44-year-old assistant chief of dermatology at the hospital, defeated Roderick Brown 6-1, 6-2, in an Aug. 8 match.

In perhaps the year's most unique physical training event, soldiers from USAG Company hiked 4.5 miles to the crest of Mount Tamalpais Oct. 26. (3)

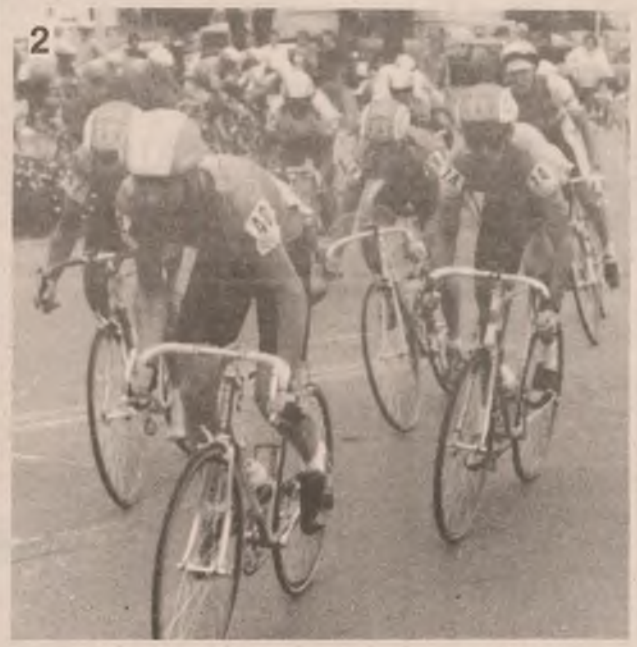
The march was the pinnacle of a year of fitness, in which Presidians strived to better themselves through physical fitness.



Gym No. 1's hardwood floors were bounced and beaten on during the 1988 intramural basketball season. This year's action starts Jan. 17.



Kung fu action could be seen throughout the 1988 summer in Hamilton Army Airfield's main gym.







Giants first baseman, Jeremy Vigna, checks his swing on a pitch during Youth Activities baseball action April 16.

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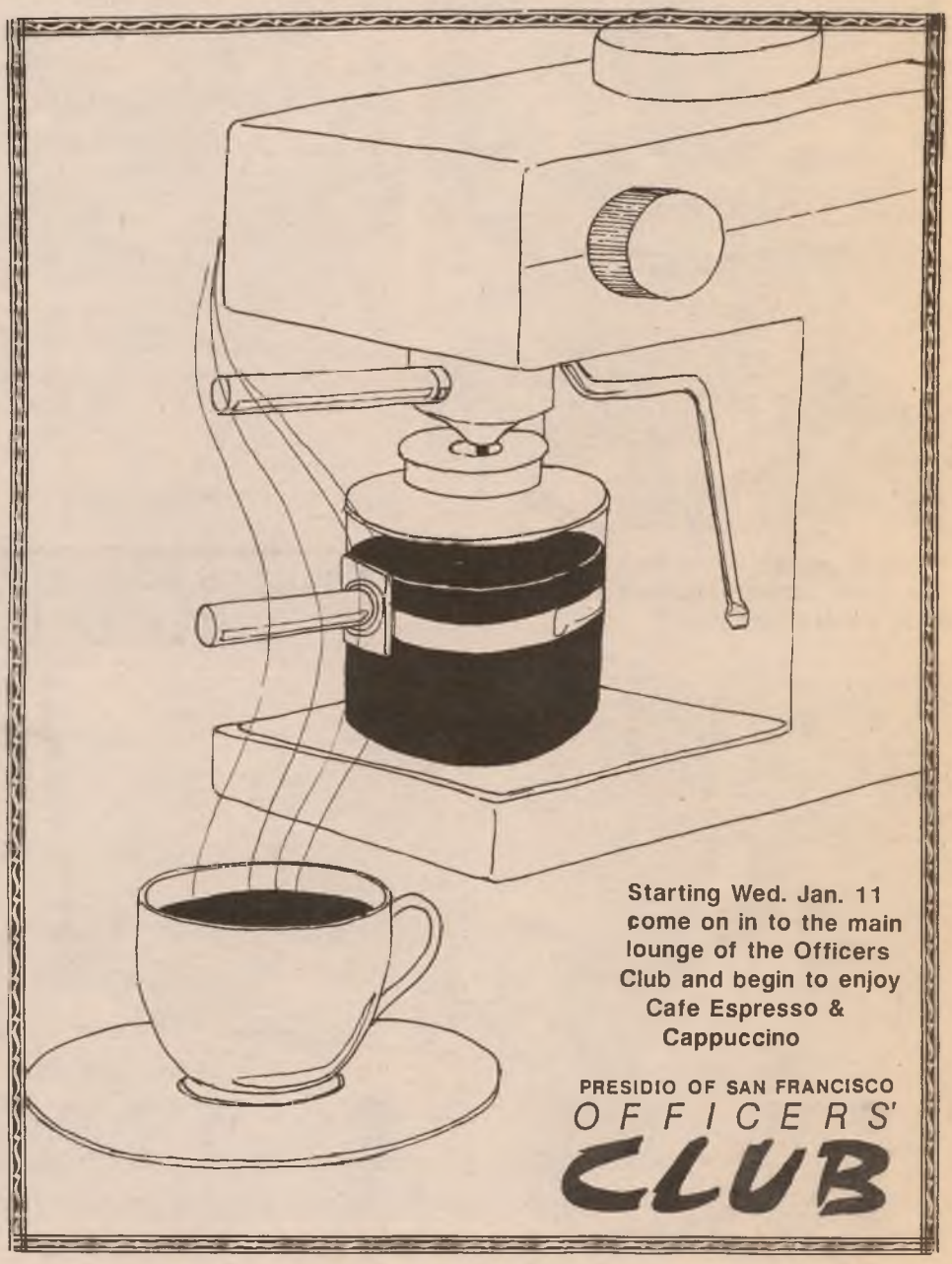
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Local politicians visit post

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos is flanked by Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi (l) and Barbara Boxer during a post visit Friday in Sixth U.S. Army's Command Conference Facility. The local politicians voiced their support for keeping the Presidio open, one day after Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci approved an 86-base closure list—with the post one of the installations recommended for closure. The proposal now goes to Congress.

Voices

Reflections of a Dream...

by Rudi Williams

Where were you when Martin Luther King Jr.was assassinated 20 years ago?

This question received similar responses throughout the Department of Defense.

Manuel Oliverez, DoD's deputy director for civilian equal opportunity policy, reacted emotionally. "Please wait a minute," he choked. "I need to get myself together." Oliverez was teaching English, U.S. history and Spanish in a junior high school in Monterey, Calif., when he heard about King's assassination.

Regaining his composure after a minute or so, Oliverez said, "I'm sorry, but you brought back a lot of bad memories. My feelings were one of shock, sadness and loss. It hurts just thinking about the assassination of people who had the potential to make America a better place to live and give it a sense of direction and great opportunity. They made you feel like tomorrow may be better than you could ever imagine. In my mind, Martin Luther King Jr. was tied in with the Kennedy assassination.

"It just exploded inside you and made you feel like the lights were being dimmed—like someone had turned down the lights and darkness was creeping back over the horizon again," said Oliverez. "But life must go on, so you just say a prayer and keep on marching."

A member of the DoD Military Involvement Committee, which works with the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission in coordinating holiday observances, Oliverez said, "I probably have more chances than most people to read about him—books about his life, the things he stood for—which helps me understand and see that's (King's teachings) the best way for people to work...with peace, caring, love and understanding for each other.

"He belonged to all of us," Oliverez emphasized. "He's not black, Hispanic or white, because he embodied a spirit, ideal and expectation of a better America that transcends all the differences that make up America."

Oliverez believes having a national holiday in King's honor "is an absolute necessity. There are between 40 and 45 million minorities in the country, and Martin Luther King Jr. is sort of a beacon for all of us. It's important because America has to be constantly reminded of its principles and also that it's a pluralistic society. He stood for all of us.

"There are two people who cause me to relive those terrible days—Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.," he continued. "They're deep in my soul for what they stood for. I feel strongly that when they both left, part of my youthful idealism went with them," said Oliverez.

Fear of violence

Army Sgt. Maj. Herbert Schwab was working as a personnel sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas, when he heard the news. "I was shocked and also concerned that this could cause some problems for the nation—violent problems," said Schwab, now assigned to the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon. "But that's not what he stood for. What I remember most is that he didn't stand for violence.

"I think he wanted attitude changes, but civil disobedience was as far as he would go," said Schwab. "His work made you more aware of the different things going on in this country —problems like housing, schooling and job opportunities. It's unfortunate that every American doesn't have the same opportunities."



When observing King's birthday anniversary, Schwab said, all Americans ought to reflect on the things he was fighting for. "The country has come a long way, but we still have a long way to go," said Schwab. "We don't have some of the problems of the '50s or tthe race riots of the '60s and early '70s. But tthere is still a lot of racism out there, more so in the civilian community than in the military. I personally don't see it in the military."

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Ramblin' Sam

"What do you plan to do in 1989 to improve yourself?"



Renee Abert, greeting card representative: "Get more organized. I have a lot of paperwork to do and I procrastinate too much. I'm also going to get in shape by working out more."



Marsha Humphries, clerk/typist, Civilian Personnel Office: "I quit smoking the first of January. I'm going to improve my financial status by having my husband get a part-time job."



SFC Shirley Bluiett, computer operator, 6th Army Reserve Component Automation System, post: "I intend to take more college courses. As I move upwards in the ranks, I'll need those college courses for promotion points."



Spec. Dat Au, light vehicle mechanic, Sixth U.S. Army NCO Academy, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area: "I plan to go to college and study accounting. When I get out [of the service], I can make more money if I have a degree."



Maj. Ted Konfederak, mobilization planner, DCSOPS, Sixth U.S. Army: "I'm going to continue to work on my doctorate in Public Policy Analysis at the University of Illinois, Chicago. My Army career will end eventually, and I'll have to have something to fall back on."

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"Oh, no! It can't be true!"

Claire Freeman was driving to school with a girlfriend when she heard of King's assassination on her car radio. "We just said, 'Oh no! It can't be true,' " said Freeman, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy. " 'Let's get to school and find out for sure.' I was in Riverside, Calif., at the time, and there were no riots; just a shock, amazement and deep sadness.

"His being on the face of this Earth has not only affected me, but my children, too, and it will also touch my grandchildren who are yet to be born," said Freeman. "I've always been a civil rights advocate, and he was such an eloquent, articulate advocate. He set the standard of how one should be and hold himself in terms of being an advocate for a cause, however humble it may be.

"I want young people to know about Martin Luther King Jr.—the man," said Freeman. "I want them to read his writings. I feel so strongly that even some blacks don't fully understand the full measure of this man."

Freeman delivers abut 20 speeches on military installations around the world during the King holiday week each year. Her theme is always taken from King's sermons and other works. She emphasizes black cohesiveness, stressing that blacks should help each other more. Speaking about colorcasting and class in black communities, Freeman asked: "How can we preach to the world population to rise above their racial prejudices when we in the black community are not doing it ourselves? Blacks should be more harmonious in their relationships and get involved in community social services. We have to get away from consumerism and be about helping each other."

'Hush, hush' shield

When King was killed, Marine Maj. Doris Daniels was a high school senior "down on the farm in Prentiss, Miss., trying to find a college to go to."

When news of the assassination hit the airwaves, "There was a real element of tension—hush, hush," said Daniels, commander of the Military Entrance Processing Station that's housed in the recently dedicated Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building in Atlanta. "School let out early that day, be we were not really told why. My parents got us around the dinner table and talked to us about it. The unique thing about parents in Mississippi in those days was that they worked hard to shield us from racism. They had a way of dressing up or dressing down incidents so a child wouldn't be scared for life.

"I was 18 at the time, and I often wonder which affected me the most, the assassination of President John Kennedy or Martin Luther King," said Daniels. "I guess it was Kennedy because I was more exposed to him because he was taught in school and Martin Luther King wasn't. I was very teary-eyed, but I'm not sure I understood the full meaning of his death then."



Got word on combat mission

Army Col. Fred Johnson was a medical platoon leader on a combat mission in Vietnam when he heard about Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. "We were under the tension of doing a combat mission when we got the word," said Johnson, chief of staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. "There was a calming effect that caused one to rethink what his life had meant. Probably, more importantly, was what was to follow, given the torch he carried for so many important issues that were needing attention in the nation—fair and equal employment practices, education, quality of life for those in more disadvantaged neighborhoods, just to name a few.

Johnson said the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday "should be a dignified, festive occasion that's accorded the degree of respect as any other national holiday would enjoy."

American Forces Information Service

News Briefs

King observance

For the post's observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and "King Week" (Jan. 8-14), a program will be held tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m., in the post theater. The keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. John H. Stanford, Commanding General of the Military Traffic Management Command.

The event is free and open to the entire Presidio community.

Commissary closed

The Presidio Commissary will be closed **Tuesday** in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Nat'l Prayer Breakfast

The Presidio Chaplains office will host this year's National Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 2 at 6:45 a.m. in the Officers' Club. The guest speaker will be Father Larry Brett, who is editor and author of *Share the Word*, a nationwide Catholic study book. He was formerly a chaplain with the U.S. Army.

Tickets are $5. For more information and tickets, call SFC Boyd at **561-4711** or **561-4719**, or come by the Post Chapel.

Pre-retirement briefings

A pre-retirement orientation will be held Jan. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Officer's Club. Briefings will be given by the Veterans Administration, California Employment Development Department and other agencies. Soldiers will have the opportunity for individual counseling regarding employment, retirement rights, benefits and privileges.

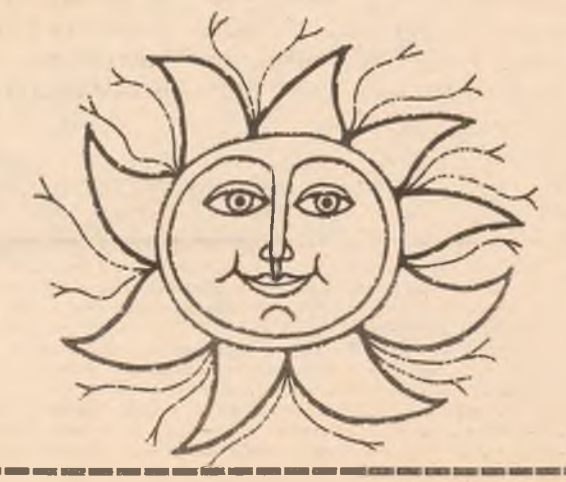
EYES returns

The post EYES program, serviced by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, is back after a temporary shut down due to mechanical difficulties. You can call **561-EYES** if you notice anything on post which needs repair, maintenance or removal, such as a tree limb across the sidewalk, broken street lights or trash on the side of the road.

Remember: the EYES have it!

Energy Tip of the Week

If you have a programmable thermostat in your quarters set it to turn down the heat at night and times when you aren't going to be at home. It will also turn on the heat in the mornings and evenings when you'll need it. That way you will have a more comfortable and efficient home.



CPO Job Openings

Housing Manager: 169-89(MS), GS-1173-9, closes Jan. 23.
Lead General Commercial Equipment Operator: 170-89(MG), GS-329-7, closes Jan. 26.
Cook: 171-89(RJ), WG-7404-5, closes Jan. 31.
Supervisory Accounting Technician: 172-89(EW), GS-525-7, closes Jan. 27.
Domestic Appliance Repairer: 173-89, WG-4855-8, open until filled.
Traffic Management Specialist: 174-89(MG), GS-2130-9, closes Jan. 27.
Supervisory Contract Specialist: 175-89(MS), GM-1102-13, closes Feb. 27.
Contract Specialist: 176-89(MS), GS-1102-11, closes Jan. 27.
Info Systems Management Specialist: 177-89(DR), GS-301-9, open until filled.
Plumber: 178-89(MS), WG-4206-9, closes Jan.31.

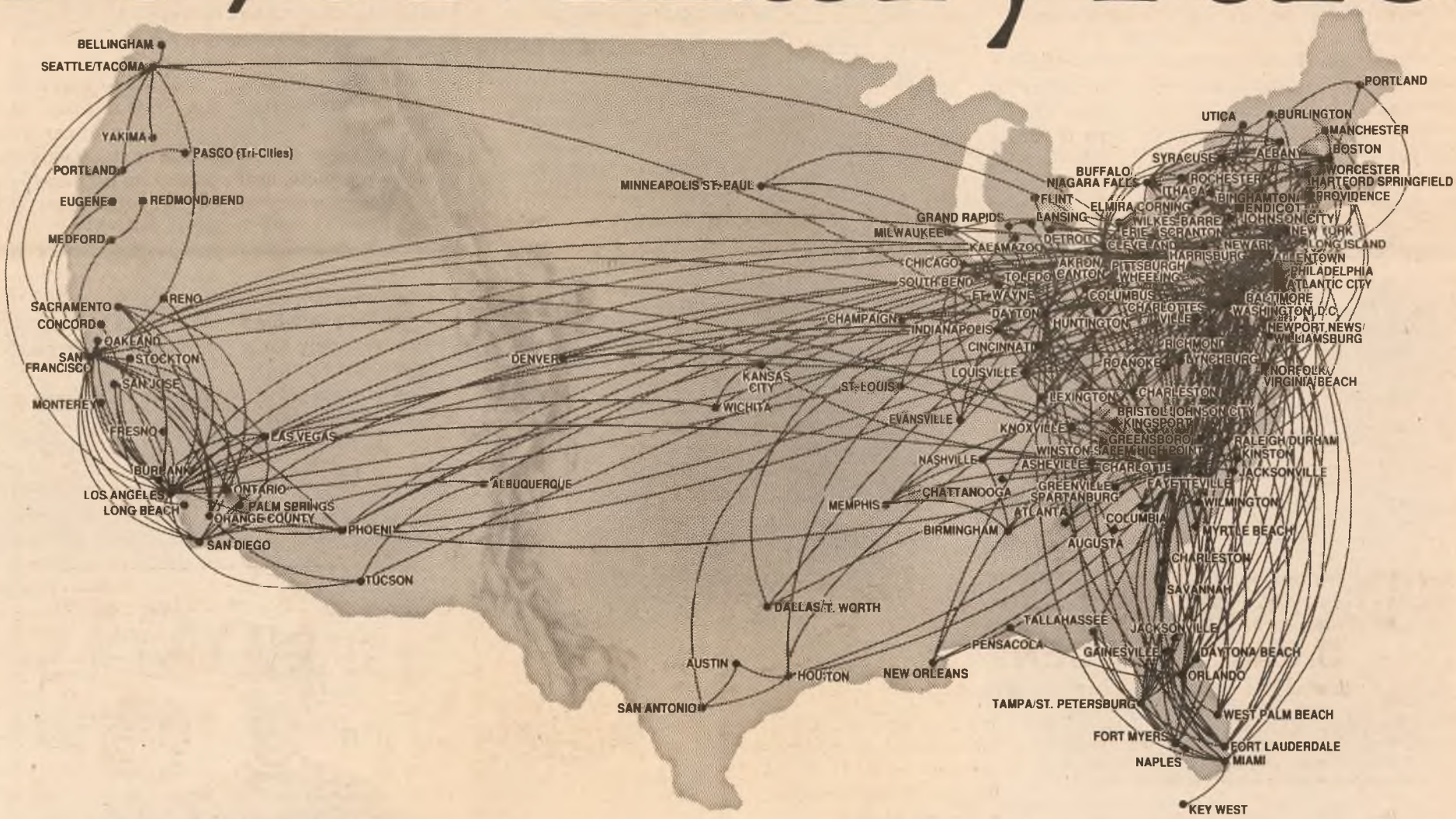
For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732**, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.61 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Education Technician: UA-1702-05, $7.24 an hour, regular, part-time; location: Child Development Center.
Child Caregiver: PS-186-02, $5.89 an hour, regular, part-time; location: Child Development Center.
Custodial Worker Foreman: NS-3566-01, $7.20 an hour, regular, full-time; location: Billeting Branch.
Recreation Aide: PS-189-03,$5.89 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Operation Assistant (2 positions): PS-1101-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: NCO/Enlisted Club
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: NCO/Enlisted Club.
Desk Clerk: PS-1176-03, $5.89 an hour, regular, part-time location: Billeting Branch.
Laborer: NA-3502-01, $5.16 an hour, regular, full-time; location: Presidio Army Golf Club.
Cook: NA-7404-05, $7.82 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Cook: NA-7404-08, $9.79 an hour, regular, full-time; location: Bowling Center.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call **561-5095** or **561-2947**.

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Job-Hunting

'AF' vs. 'NAF': job funding

WASHINGTON—Did you know that not all federal jobs are funded in the same way?

Most jobs for which the post Civilian Personnel Directorate recruits family members fall into one of two categories: "Appropriated Fund" and Non-Appropriated Fund," depending on the source of money used to pay the salaries.

Appropriated $$$

Appropriated fund positions are those for which funds are directly allocated by Congress. These positions may be further distinguished as either "GS" (general schedule) or "WG" (wage grade).

"GS" positions are primarily clerical, administrative and/or professional in nature and usually require an applicant to have basic skills, experience and/or education. Examples are clerk-typist, administrative assistant, budget analyst, clinical nurse, editor and computer programmer.

"WG" positions usually involve blue-collar skills and trades such as carpenter, store worker, packing inspector and electrician. The primary requirement for these positions is the ability to do the job. Special forms must be completed at the time an application is made to verify your skills.

Non-appropriated $$$

NAF positions are funded directly by the employing activity, which is self-supporting as a result of charging fees for membership and/or the service it provides. On post, these include Army and Air Force Exchange Services facilities, the Officers' Club and the NCO/Enlisted Club.

Within the NAF category are "UA," "AS," "PS," and "NA" positions. The "UA" jobs have similar responsibilities and the same pay



scale as managerial and technical GS (appropriated fund) positions.

"AS" positions, such as sales clerk, recreation aide and personal service occupations, involve working with the public. "NA" positions include non-supervisory in trades, crafts and labor occupations (such as food service worker, cook and warehouse worker).

Currently, appropriated fund job opportunities are limited because of congressional budget cuts and hiring freezes. Post family members can expand their employment possibilities by considering the many NAF opportunities in today's market.

See **page 3** for the current list of AF and NAF job openings on post. Call **561-5732** (AF); or **561-5095 or 561-2947** (NAF) for more information.

Army News Service

Job-hunting tips for Presidians

Recent amendments to the Military Family Act of 1985 now allow military family members in **GS-1 through GS/GM-15** wage grade positions access to the Family Member Employment Assitance Program.

However, Army personnel officials point out that there are often fewer jobs than applicants. A job can't be guaranteed to every Presidio family member who wants one. This is especially true today because of Congressional budget cuts and hiring freezes.

Post family members (18 years and older) who are job hunting can improve their employment chances if they understand the new procedures and remember the following tips:

- Keep good records of previous employment, education, training, special achievements and volunteer work. Be prepared to document complete information from your background and experience when applying for a job.
- When moving, start your job search as soon as you know your new location. Find out about the job market and how to apply for an opening before you move. Staff members at the post's CPD Job Information Center can help.
- Follow all application instructions. Submit a complete, neat application package by the closing date of a vacancy announcement. (CPD Job Openings are found on **page 3.**)
- Follow up on each application or interview. If not selected, analyze your weaknesses and correct them.
- Be available for interviews and to start a job. To apply for a job means you're ready to work.

For more information, call Nate Kimbrough, CPD, at **561-2801** or **561-5732.**

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All-Army Cross Country Trials

Post soldier takes Army trials; interservice meet next

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

A Presidio soldier was the top division competitor in the All-Army Cross Country trials Friday at Paul Goode Field on post.

Lori Bearson, a sergeant assigned to the 902nd Military Intelligence Group, was the top women's finisher in the early-morning race. Against 11 women running a 5-kilometer race, Bearson's time was 19:34.

Twelve seconds behind Bearson was Laura Edmark, a specialist assigned to 8th Army, Japan.

A former Presidian, Mica Comstock, now assigned to Germany, broke the tape at 40:41 in the men's 12K. Joe Molloy of Fort Hood, Texas, with 41:59, was the second lieutenant's closest competition in a race that featured 12 hills, and more than a few traps.

"It's a grueling course," said Comstock, minutes after pacing through the sand pits, mud puddles and tree roots that line the forested course.

Comstock, last year's youth sports director on post, said the pitfalls created a cautious atmosphere. "You have to be conservative going downhill especially, because if you get out of control in the sand, you can get hurt pretty bad."

Women's third-place finisher, Carolyn Machnovia, ran cross country four years in college. "But this is the hardest course I've ever seen," said the second lieutenant.

"There's not many flat parts and it's rocky and wet. You're not going to get your best 5K time out here," said Machnovia, a nurse at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The event determined which soldiers will represent the Army at tomorrow's Armed Forces Cross Country championships on the same field.

1989 marks the third straight year the Presidio has hosted both the trials and the championship, according to Bob Darling.

Darling, coach of the All-Army Cross Country Team, said the Department of Defense picked the Presidio for four major reasons. "We've got a good location weather-wise, good facilities, an experienced staff and an excellent training program."



Sgt. Lori Bearson, 902nd MI Group, flies through a sand slope in the Jan. 6 All-Army Cross Country Trials at Paul Goode Field.



Comstock breaks the tape at 40:41 to take the men's division.

Sports



Two competitors race through the ancient trees above Julius Kahn Playground.



Time changes everything. The clock would record who stayed, and who moved back to their duty stations.



2nd Lt. Mica Comstock (No. 7, center) fights the pack at the start of the race.

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CHAMPUS Prime available this spring



by Harry Church

This is the fourth in a series of articles about the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI). There have been major changes concerning CHAMPUS benefits in California and Hawaii. Hopefully this question and answer format will help the reader understand the new CHAMPUS programs. If you have more questions or require unit briefings, call the Letterman CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650** (on post dial "9" first). The next public CRI briefings at LAMC will be held in Torney Hall on Tuesday.

CHAMPUS Prime

Q. What is CHAMPUS Prime?

A. CHAMPUS Prime is another alternative to the Standard CHAMPUS program. CHAMPUS Prime is an enrollment program that operates much like an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization). It offers benificiaries enhanced benefits, provider networks, easy access, continuity of care, reduced costs and the elimination of claim forms. This program is scheduled to start in the Bay Area this spring.

Q. In general, how does CHAMPUS Prime work?

A. If you are CHAMPUS eligible, you must first enroll in the CHAMPUS Prime program. When you enroll, you'll select a Primary Care Physician from an approved list of physicians located in your area. (The CHAMPUS Prime and Extra Provider Directory, available at the CHAMPUS Service Center, lists these providers.) You may choose your Military Treatment Facility (MTF) for your Primary Care Site. Either way, these selected providers will coordinate all of your future health care needs.

After you enroll, you'll receive a CHAMPUS Prime Member Handbook, which explains the program, and a CHAMPUS Prime Membership Card. Each time you need health care treatment, you merely go to your Primary Care Physician/Site, display your membership card, and pay a $5 copayment.

Q. Is there a fee to enroll in CHAMPUS Prime?

A. No. There is no premium or membership fee.

Q. What is a copayment?

A. A copayment is a cost-sharing arrangement in which an enrollee pays a set fee for a specific service (such $5 for an office visit under CHAMPUS Prime).

Q. Under CHAMPUS Prime, is the $5 copayment all I have to pay for most physician's office visits, no matter what my ailment?

A. There is no copayment for office visits at the MTF if you have selected the MTF as your Primary Care Physician/Site. If your Primary Care Physician is a civilian provider, there is a $5 copayment for office visits, as long as your treatments is coordinated by your Primary Care Physician. Dependents of Grade E-4 and below pay nothing for their primary care visits.

Q. In regard to the $5 copayment that's waived for E-4 and below: does that apply to specialty care visits also?

A. Specialty care visits will require a $5 copayment.

Q. What are "allowable charges?"

A. Allowable charges refer to the limits on the amount that Standard CHAMPUS will pay for your treatment from a civilian physician. Sometimes providers charge CHAMPUS beneficiaries more than what Standard CHAMPUS will pay, or "allow," and the patient is required to pay the difference. Under CHAMPUS Prime or Extra, providers can only charge the CHAMPUS Prime and Extra allowable, which is normally lower than the Standard CHAMPUS allowable. Therefore, the patient is only responsible for the appropriate copayment and cannot be billed for differences.

Q. How much will I pay for hospitalization under CHAMPUS Prime?

A. Under CHAMPUS Prime, dependents of active duty members are not charged for acute care hospitalization or most specialty care. Retirees and their dependents pay $75 a day—up to a maximum of $750 for each general acute care hospital admission.

For hospitalization or care requiring specialty treatment, the military hospital will be used whenever possible. Under CHAMPUS Prime, you'll continue to pay nominal fees for inpatient care at the military facility.

If service is not available at the military hospital, you'll be referred to a private hospital or specialist in your community. These hospitals and specialists are listed in the CHAMPUS Prime and Extra Provider Directory.

Q. What is a Health Care Finder?

A. The Health Care Finder is a nurse who ensures you get the best health care available. Whether you use Standard CHAMPUS, CHAMPUS Extra, or are enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime, the Health Care Finder will direct you to the most appropriate providers for treatment.

Under CHAMPUS Prime, when your Primary Care Physician/Site determines you need specialized medical care, that physician's office will refer you to the MTF or a civilian specialist—whichever is most appropriate for your needs. Whenever available, you'll be directed to the local military hospital or clinic.

Q. Can I go to the Health Care Finder to enroll in the CHAMPUS Prime program?

A. You can go to the CHAMPUS Service Center to receive help in enrolling once the CHAMPUS Prime program starts in the Bay Area. You will be helped by an Enrollment or Beneficiary Service Representative.

[Editor's note: *Above information is provided by Harry Church of the post's CHAMPUS Service Center at LAMC.]*

ROTC for nursing students



by James Aiello

The nursing profession is expected to experience a shortage of qualified nurses by 19 to 25 percent in the next three to five years. In total numbers, this translates to a shortage of more than 400,000 nurses by next year.

To help turn the tide of this growing shortage and the impact it will have on the health profession for an aging population, seven Bay Area colleges offering Bachelor of Science-Nursing (BSN) degrees will gather at Letterman Army Medical Center on Feb. 1. The Nursing Fair, scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. will be held in Torney Hall on the first floor of LAMC.

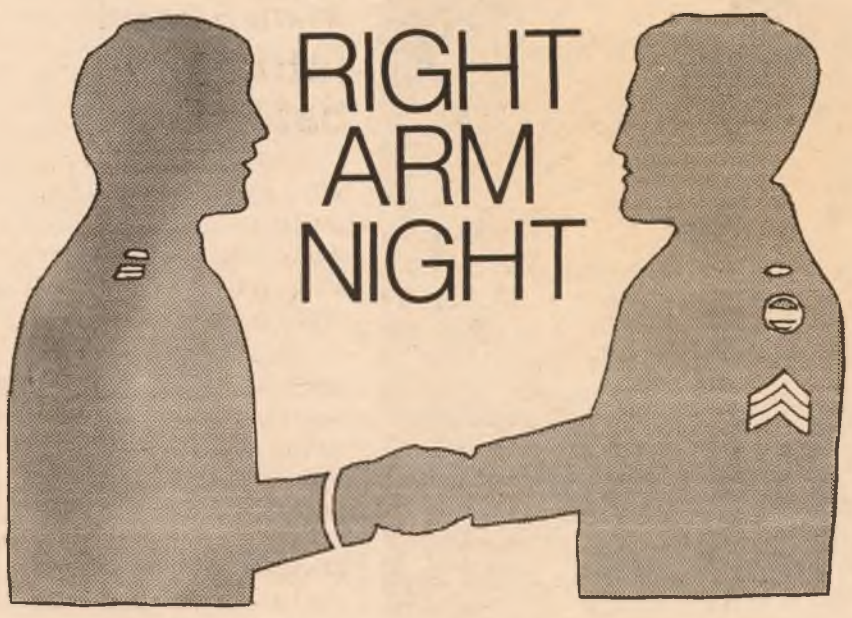
The event is open to all who are interested in nursing, and will include a walking tour of the hospital, discussion of nursing trends and opportunities, college admission standards, availability of Army ROTC scholarships, and positions as an Army nurse and officer. Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak directly to college nursing admission officers, nursing college deans, and nursing students pursuing degrees at the University of San Francisco and California State University-Hayward. The attending schools are: California State University at San Francisco and Hayward, University of San Francisco, Dominican College, Samuel Merritt/St. Mary's College, Holy Names College, and Sonoma State University.

So strong is the demand for qualified nurses, the Army, through its college ROTC program has extended its scholarship deadline to April 1, 1989. As a result, high school seniors pursuing a nursing degree are still able to compete for scholarships that will pay $7,000 in annual tuition or 80 percent (whichever is higher) and a set amount for books and fees. Students will be given details on the increased chances of winning a scholarship by pursuing a nursing degree.

With the impact of the 17 percent drop in enrollment in nursing schools being felt, the nursing profession through the American Nursing Association and other groups, are placing renewed emphasis on competitive pay for nurses to obtain advanced degrees (masters or PhDs in nursing) and allowing for greater input in the day-to-day operations of a hospital. As a result, students who graduate with a nursing degree in the next two to four years will see a completely revitalized profession.

Anyone wanting more information about nursing profession through Army ROTC should call the Northern California Goldminers at **567-7682** or **567-3038** between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Bowling Center to close

The Fort Scott Bowling Center will be closed until the new Bowling Center opens about Feb. 1.

The Fort Scott center snack bar will stay open on a reduced schedule. League secretaries should inform their bowlers, and prepare for the continuation of the league at the new center.

Christmas tournament results

Racquetball
Women: Tracie Rowson
Senior: John Els
Open: John Els.

Full court basketball
Champions: Co. A, LAMC
Runner-up: Mail and Distribution.

3-on-3 basketball
Champions: 6th U.S. Army No. 2
Runner-up: Mail and Distribution

Volleyball
Champions: Co. B, LAMC
Runner-up: Community Recreation Division.

Bowling
Singles: Filopo Tuisano, LAMC, 660.
Doubles: Rick Ramsey and Doug Smith, LEC, 1211.
Mixed doubles: Becky Peel and Bobbie Gascon, 1183.
Team event: Win, Lose or Draw, 2265
Robert Keating, Linda Keating, Ron Palverati and E. T. Gravile.

Youth Activities

Last chance: Some openings are still available in Youth Activities pre-ballet and pre-tap classes for boys and girls 4 to 5 years old. Sign up now—no new students will be accepted after Feb. 1. Class fee is $18 a month. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Tumbling classes: Starting now, classes will be held on Fridays in bldg. 1331 and taught by Kathy Plambeck. Classes are offered for boys and girls of all ages at beginner and intermediate levels. The schedule and fees are: 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., ages four to five, $18 a month. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., ages six through eight, $24 a month and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages nine through 12, $24 a month. Call Cathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.



The more—the better? photo by Steve Morey

Displaying their first-place mugs in Gym No. 1 Friday, the 800-pound-plus team of Rick Thomas (l), Paul Campbell, Brad Brothers and Gary Vogt (seated), tests a gym scale. The soldiers took top honors in the "800-plus" category of the Christmas Relays held Dec. 18 around Lake Merced in San Francisco. Each runner legged out a 4.6 mile portion of the annual race.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call **929-TALK.**

Recycling

Recycling for January will be held Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities groups will be visiting all housing areas, including Forts Baker and Barry. Please have your newspapers and all-aluminum cans set out by 9 a.m. to assure pick-up. All profits from this program go to the groups doing the work.

Zoo Run Sunday

Swing by the Primate Discovery Center and strut past Penguin Island during the San Francisco Zoo's 13th annual Zoo Run on Sunday.

Seven thousand runners will be participating in the seven-mile run starting at 8 a.m. and the three-mile family "classic" at 9 a.m. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. for both races.

Join the four- and two-footed zoo friends! For more information, call **661-2023.**

Golden Gaters

The Golden Gater Annual Planning Meeting will be held at the Fort Mason Officers' Club Jan. 28. A no host bar will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is $15 and includes tax and tip.

The Golden Gaters is a group for singles 40 and older, who have a tie with the military (to include DoD civilians, reservists, National Guard, military retirees and active duty). Bring your good ideas for monthly events during the year. This is the one business meeting for the year.

For more information or to let them know you are coming, call Pat Pavlison at the Presidio Post Chapel, **561-4719** or **561-4239.**

Intramural basketball

The 1989 post Intramural Basketball program begins Tuesday. Competition for the 30 years-or-older group will be held during noon hours while full court play will be in the evening.

Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members (19 years and older), assigned or attached to the post are eligible to participate. Other installations/activities may participate upon written application to the Chief, Community Recreation Division, ATTN: Sports Branch. Installations/activities not supported by the Presidio of San Francisco will be required to pay their pro-ratio share for officials and awards.

A rules interpretation meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. **Tuesday**, in bldg. 63 (Gym No. 1). Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting. Participation points towards the Commander's Cup Trophy will be awarded for units attending the meeting. Three points will be deducted for units failing to attend the rules interpretation meeting.

Entry deadline is 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For more information, call the Sports Branch at **561-5032.**

Gym hours change

Post Gym No. 2, bldg. 1152 (near LAMC), is now open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call **561-5051.**

Gym No. 1 closes

Post Gym No. 1, bldg. 63, will be used to test West Point Academy candidates Jan. 29. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. It will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Jan. 12: Everybody's All American (R) 7 p.m. Dennis Quaid, Jessica Lange. The rollercoaster life of an All American football hearo over a 25-year span.

Fri, Jan. 13: Everybody's All American (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 14: Child's Play (R), 7 p.m. Catherine Hicks, Chris Saradon. As he lies dying in a toy store, a vicious killer directs his spirit into a nearby doll, who in turn wreaks havoc on innocent humans.

Sun, Jan. 15: Child's Play (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Jan. 16: Child's Play (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 17, Feds (PG-13), 7 p.m. Rebecca Demornay, Mary Gross. An action-packed comedy about two plucky females aspiring to be FBI agents.

Wed, Jan. 18: Feds (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 19: The Land Before Time (G), 7 p.m. Marvelous animated collaboration between George Lucas and Steven Spielberg about four adventurous dinosaurs.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	**Jan. 13**	**Crocodile Dundee II (PG)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat,	**Jan. 14**	**Teen Wolf (PG)**	**1 p.m.**
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Recommendations approved; nothing definite yet

by James Garamone

Secretary of Defense, Frank C. Carlucci, has accepted the report of the commission on base realignment and closure, which calls for closure of 86 bases, partial closure of five more and realignment of 54 others. The Presidio and its subinstallation, Hamilton Army Air Field, are included in the report and recommended for closure.

"After careful reading of the report and discussions with the secretaries of the services and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, I have decided to approve in total the commission's recommendations," he said during a Jan. 5 news conference.

Carlucci also announced that DoD has requested $1 billion over two years in seed money to start the process. The commission recommended at least $300 million for start-up costs. "[The amount of money] reflects our belief that we can move even faster [on closures and realignments] than the commission envisioned," he said.

Carlucci called for relief from legislation so DoD can transfer funds into the closure and realignment account.

The environment and plight of civilian workers were also stressed. "There are environmental and personal challenges. We will take care of them," Carlucci said. "We will not walk away from the bases we are closing without taking care of our environmental responsibilities."

For civilian workers, he said DoD would make every effort to find employment for those displaced and that they would have priority placement rights.

Carlucci called the base closings a unique opportunity to save tax dollars and improve military efficiency in the process. He praised the commission for placing the military value of the bases above other considerations. "When the force structure changes, we shouldn't be forced to keep antiquated bases," he said.

Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that it made good sense to cut back on marginal installations. He said the closures and realignments would not adversely affect military operations and that the commission's recommendations had the support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Carlucci said that more bases would have been closed had it not been for the six-year payback rule. Under this, only bases that would pay back closing costs within six years could be closed.

However, Carlucci said he hopes the momentum generated by the commission will allow the Department of Defense to close marginal or outdated bases without resorting to the same procedure in the future.

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Reasons to remember Martin Luther King

by Ken Robinson

One man's dream lives on today as the reality of thousands. On Jan. 13 soldiers and civilians gathered together in the post theater to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. They also looked back at the progress civil rights and freedoms have made in the 20 years since his assassination.

King, the man who was to become the Father of the Civil Rights Movement was born in Atlanta, Georgia, Jan. 15, 1929. He was born in a land which proclaimed liberty and justice for all...unless, of course, you were black. Segregation was the rule of the land, from public transportation to public schools and beyond.

King began his career in civil rights in 1955 while working as a minister in Montgomery, Alabama. On Dec. 1, a seamstress by the name of Rosa Parks refused to relinquish her bus seat to a white man and was arrested. By Dec. 5, King had organized a boycott of the bus system, and the Montgomery Improvement Association was formed with King as president.

In the years that followed the boycott, King made equality his life's work. He was responsible for organizing boycotts, marches and rallies across the nation. As a result of his activities he was beaten and imprisoned, but he continued to teach non-violence, telling his workers to "work with the faith," that honor and suffering is redemptive.

In 1964, King became the youngest man in history to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

In April of 1968, Martin Luther King was assassinated at the age of 39, but in those 39 short years he had helped to change the face of America forever. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 promised all Americans equal use of public accommodations, equal access to programs financed by federal funds, and the right to compete for employment solely on the basis of individual merit.

Voices

National defense— can America stand success?

by Tom Joyce

"As we approach the start of a new decade and the beginning of a new administration, America's horizons have seldom been brighter," Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci told the Society of Experimental Test Pilots recently. "Peace," he said, "seems to be breaking out all over."

The proof:

❑ The Soviets are committed to full withdrawal from Afghanistan by February.

❑ Negotiations are proceeding to have the Vietnamese withdraw from Cambodia.

❑ A cease-fire exists between Iran and Iraq.

❑ Signs indicate that U.S.-led negotiations will lead to the removal of Cubans from Angola.

❑ The war in the western Sahara is drawing to a close.

Carlucci also noted that country after country is rejecting state-controlled economic systems and opting for free-market economies.

"China, Africa and even the Soviet Union have recognized that Marxism is bankrupt as an economic philosophy," he said. Strong leadership and a firm commitment to U.S. allies, coupled with a steadfast resolve to rebuild U.S. military strength, have sent a clear signal to would-be adversaries that the United States will do what is necessary to protect vital national interests, Carlucci told his audience.

It is that strength and resolve that led the Soviet Union to move forward on arms control. "The lesson is clear," said Carlucci. "To bargain on arms reductions with the Soviets, you have to have the military wherewithal with which to bargain."

The commitment to rebuild military strength has not only preserved the freedom and the quality of life that America has fought so hard to attain over the last two centuries, said Carlucci, but also has resulted in the "finest quality military force we have ever had." Not only can this statement be defined in terms of equipment, said Carlucci, "but the best indicator is the quality of the people and their heightened state of readiness. When we bring that quality to bear with determination at trouble spots around the world, we can produce results favorable to our national interests."

With all that has been accomplished in the last 10 years, it would make sense for the country to stay the course, Carlucci said. But he sounded an alarm, telling his audience, "We seem to be doing just the opposite.

"At a time when our alliances are more important than ever, we are slashing vital economic and security assistance programs way out of proportion to any reasonable budget cuts," he said.

This includes the termination of 26 defense programs and the dramatic reduction of such programs to key countries like Turkey and Portugal.

Burden-sharing was another topic on Carlucci's mind. He said burden-sharing is a legitimate issue and that many U.S. allies should do more. "The only way to handle this question (the burden-sharing issue) is within the context of the alliance itself, not through punitive bilateral measures," such as those proposed during negotiations of the fiscal 1989 defense bill.

"We must always remember that we are an island nation and our alliances are essential for our survival," said Carlucci, adding "the defense of America begins well beyond our shores."

Carlucci also discussed the built-in problems associated with not having a multiyear budget plan, and the "political opportunism" inherent in the acquisition system.

"A few simple steps could go a long way toward correcting these situations," said Carlucci. His examples included a two-year defense budget; more multiyear contracting, which is a proven money saver; and fewer congressional committees that exercise jurisdiction over DoD's budget.

Carlucci concluded his remarks noting, "We must stay on the path of strong leadership and strong partnership that President Reagan has forged over the last eight years. We must not cast aside what we have all worked so hard and sacrificed so much to build. America must remain strong militarily to resist the forces of aggression wherever they may appear. The future of our great nation demands no less."

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Ramblin' Sam

"What do you do to beat the blues and a rainy day?'



SSgt. Charley Prince, recruiter, Army Recruiting Office, Santa Ana, Calif.: "If I can read the Bible I feel more inspired. I realize then why the rain is there. It's to help us appreciate the sunshine later."



Sgt. Daniel Dieli, tuba player, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "I don't sit around with the blues. I've got too much to do to be blue. I take Korean Karate downtown, take a class on computers, and I just got married. I'm very busy.



Sgt. Gerald "Click" Schreck, explosive ordnance technician, 87th Explosive Ordnance Detachment: "Sit back with a good book. Say, FM21-20, survival. No, I'm just kidding. I'd put on my wet suit and go boogie boarding in the Marin Headlands."



Spec. Joel Seewald, biological sciences assistant, Letterman Army Institute of Research: "Read a book. Lately it's been textbooks because I have a lot to catch up on in school. They don't really cheer me up, I just want to get something done rather than be down in the dumps."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club's Annual Christmas Project at the San Francisco VA Medical Center was held on December 19, 1988. We had a wonderful turn-out. Thanks to Betty Voris, Project Chairperson. Every year the gifts are bigger and better. The group was well organized. The singing and distribution of gifts was well received by our veteran patients. The Presidio is one of the few groups that has a gift for every patient and the cases of fruit and home-made jam and cookies was enjoyed by every patient.

Thanks to all at the Presidio.

Lawrence C. Stewart
Medical Center Director

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This is not an alien!

photo by Joel P. Smith

Spec. Renee Baltin, a driver for Sixth U.S. Army, checks the seal on her protective mask. Baltin was repairing masks as part of a United States Army Garrison training exercise Jan. 11.

CPO Job Openings

Lead File Clerk: 179-89Z(RJ), GS-305-4, closes Jan. 31.
MEPRS Technician (typing): 180-89(RJ), GS-503-6, closes Jan. 31.
Computer Scientist: 181-89(MG), GS-1550-12, closes Jan. 31.
Supervisory Computer Operator: 182-89(MG), GS-332-9, closes Feb. 1.
Tools and Parts Attendents (MVO): 183-89(JP) WG-6904-5, closes Feb. 1.
Supervisory Military Personnel Technician: 184-89(MG), GS-204-8, closes Feb. 1.
Supply Technician: 185-89(DR), GS-2005-7, closes Feb. 1.
Operations Clerk (typing): 186-89(GC), GS-303-4, closes Feb. 3.
Warehouse Worker: 187-89(MS), WL-6907-6, closes Feb. 3.
Equal Employement Manager: 188-89(MS), GS-260-9/11, closes Feb. 3.
Quality Assurance Specialist: 189-89(GR), GS-1910-9, closes Feb. 17.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732**, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.61 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Education Technician: UA-1702-05, $7.24 an hour, regular, part-time; location: Child Development Center.
Recreation Aide (Bingo): PS-189-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Custodial Worker Foreman: NS-3566-01, $7.20 an hour, regular, full-time; location: Billeting Branch.
Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Cook (Foreman): NA-7404-05, $7.82 an hour, regular, full-time.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: NCO/Enlisted Club.
Desk Clerk: PS-1176-03, $5.89 an hour, regular, part-time; location: Billeting Branch.
Laborer: NA-3502-01, $5.16 an hour, regular, full-time; location: Presidio Army Golf Club.
Cook: NA-7404-05, $7.82 an hour, intermittent, on-call; location: Bowling Center.
Laundry/Mendor Worker: NA-3501-03, $6.43 an hour, regular, full-time.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call **561-5095** or **561-2947**.

News Briefs

Heating repairs

All heating repair work for the family housing units in the 1500 housing area is now being done by PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric). If any residents in this area have problems with their heaters they should call PG&E at **974-1555**.

CHAMPUS news

The CHAMPUS Reform Initiative has brought CHAMPUS benefit changes in California and Hawaii. To have your questions answered attend the Feb. 2 or 16 briefings at noon in Torney Hall, or call the CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650** (on post dial "9" first).

Nat'l Prayer Breakfast

The Presidio Chaplains office will host this year's National Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 2 at 6:45 a.m. in the Officers' Club. The guest speaker will be Father Larry Brett, who is editor and author of *Share the Word*, a nationwide Catholic study book. He was formerly a chaplain with the U.S. Army.

Tickets are $5. For more information and tickets, call SFC Boyd at **561-4711** or **561-4719**, or come by the Post Chapel.

Pre-retirement briefings

A pre-retirement orientation will be held Monday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Officers' Club. Briefings will be given by the Veterans Administration, California Employment Development Department and other agencies. Soldiers will have the opportunity for individual counseling regarding employment, retirement rights, benefits and privileges.

EYES returns

The post EYES program, serviced by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, is back after a temporary shut down due to mechanical difficulties. You can call **561-EYES** if you notice anything on post which needs repair, maintenance or removal, such as a tree limb across the sidewalk, broken street lights or trash on the side of the road.

Remember: the EYES have it!

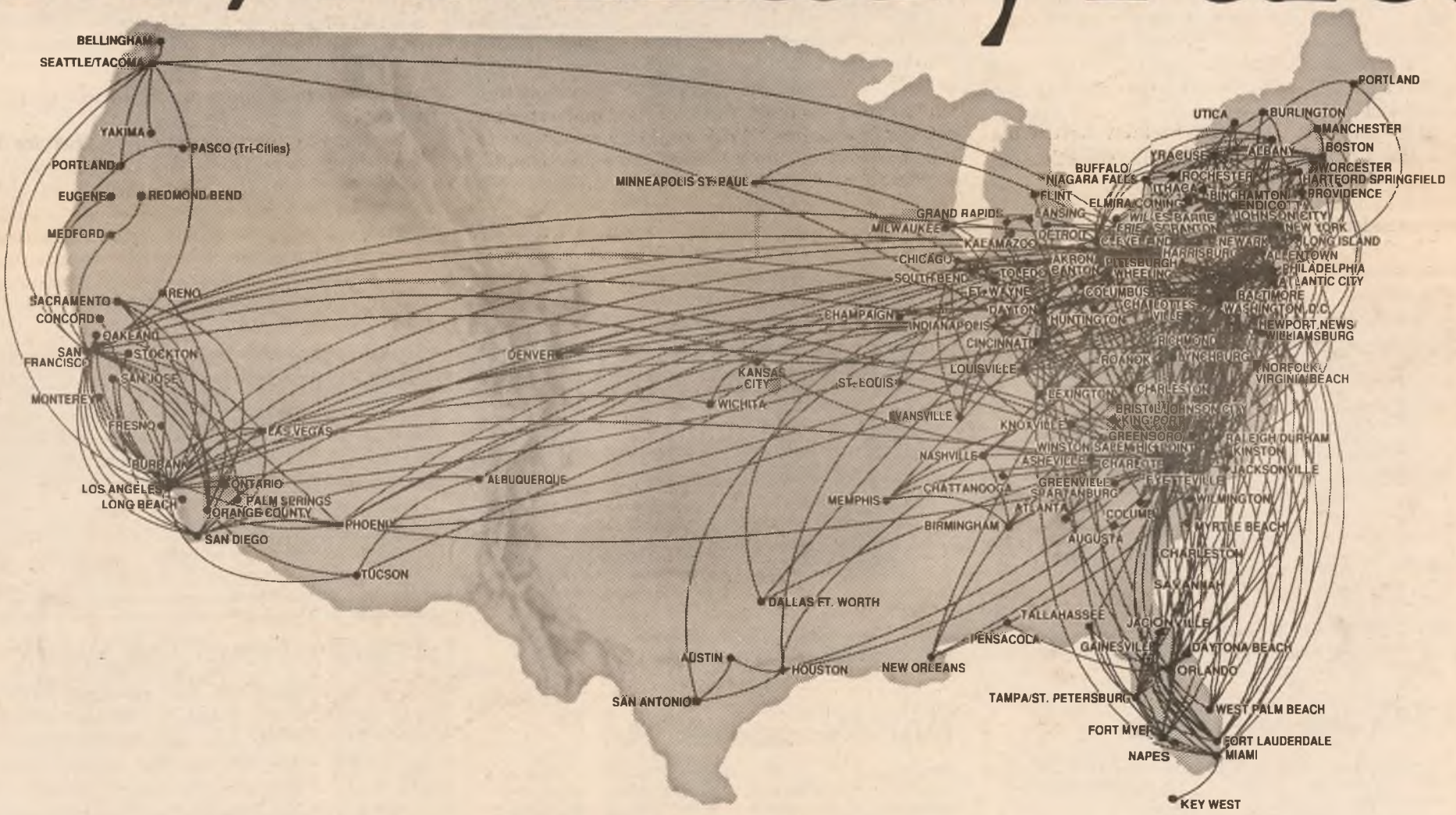
Energy Tip of the Week

If your quarters are equipped with a dishwasher, check to see if it has an "Energy Saver" switch. If it does, turn the energy saving switch ON. This will turn the heating element off, and use the left-over heat from the hot water to dry the dishes instead of the heating element. You will have saved up to 50 percent of the energy it takes to do the dishes.



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Bombs Away!

87th EOD is a 'blast' of an assignment

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Their business is booming.

"Actually, it's more like a sharp crack," corrects MSgt. Clayton H. Hoff, NCOIC for the 87th Explosive Ordnance Detachment on post. "It doesn't go 'boom.' Most of the time it goes 'CRACK!'"

'It' is any of the 44,000 shells and explosives the post EOD defused or destroyed in 1988. Bombs away, via trains, planes and automobiles, cost the unit 16,000 travel miles over the West Coast last year, yet no one in the unit says there's too much business.

"We love taking apart bombs," said SSgt. Roger R. Hess, a team leader for the 10-man unit. "That's our job. It's sitting around in the shop waiting for a call that's boring."

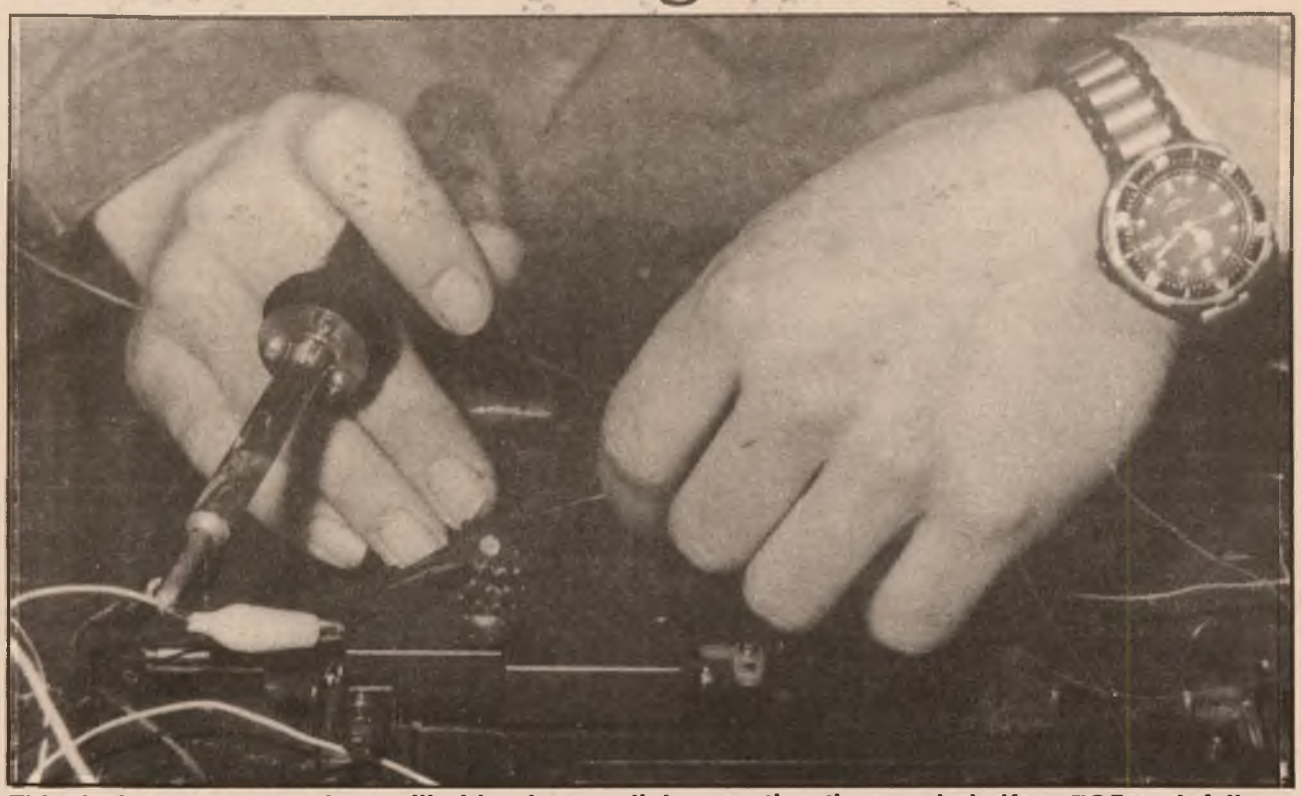
Technicians say the wait is hardly ever long. The Pope, past presidents and presidential would-be's touring San Francisco keep the unit on its feet—or it's belly, depending on the situation.

In the Marin Headlands, EOD technicians destroy the explosives they've netted on their calls. On a cliff above the ocean they lie behind an improvised bunker and peer cautiously over the edge of their handiwork, shielding themselves from the blast.

"It's a good feeling," said Hess, "to work half a day on a shot and not have a single piece [of ordnance] kick out."

Hoff said the challenge, in safely destroying something meant to maim or kill, is something of an irony. "It's using a destructive force in a controlled manner—a way completely other than it was intended."

The 87th also destroys dangerous military ammunition that is considered unstable or unsalvageable. They train to "render safe" nuclear and chemical weapons.



This device, when complete, will either buzz or light up rather than explode if an EOD tech fails to defuse it.

Naturally, though, it is their bomb-busting which draws the most attention, and makes people ask Hoff's question: "Why would someone want to take bombs apart for a living?" he muses aloud.

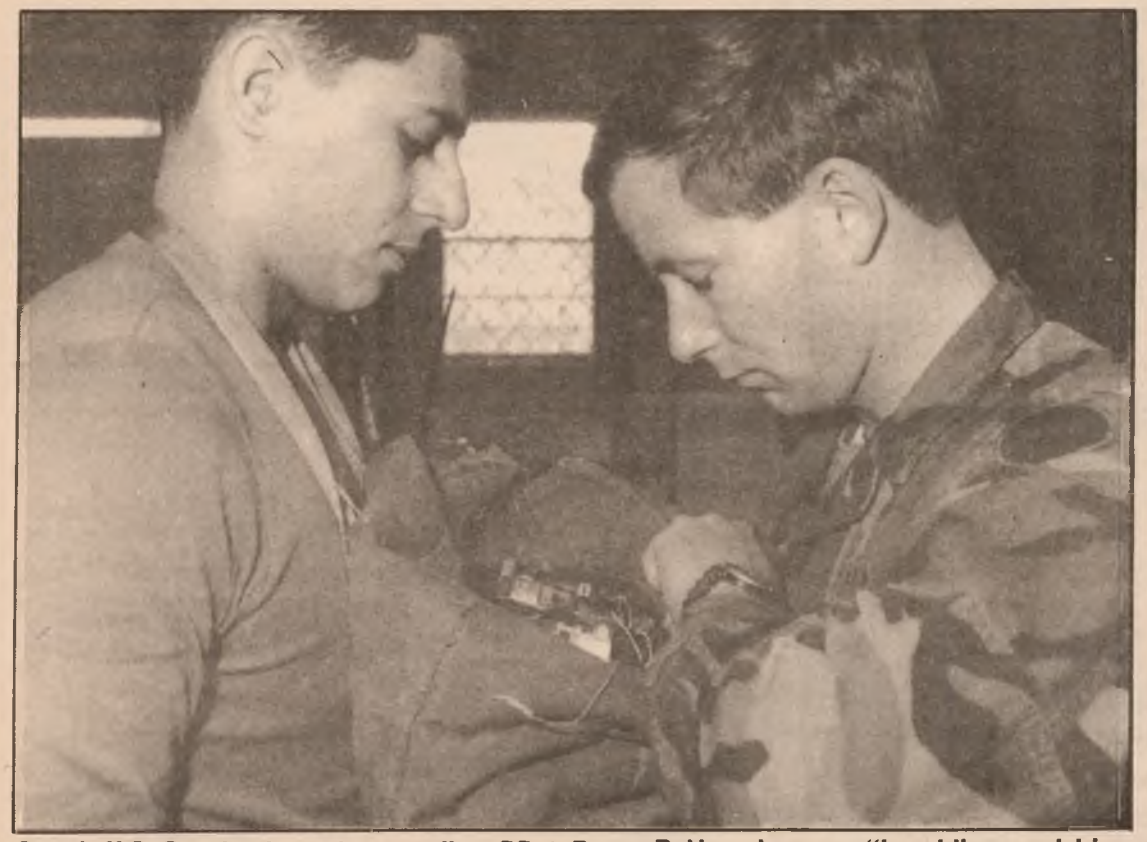
Hess has an answer. "We get a lot of job satisfaction out of saving property and lives."

Hoff adds that "altruism is definitely a factor." He goes on to explain that EOD technicians, and civilians alike, view the bomb squad as a very unique part of the Army.

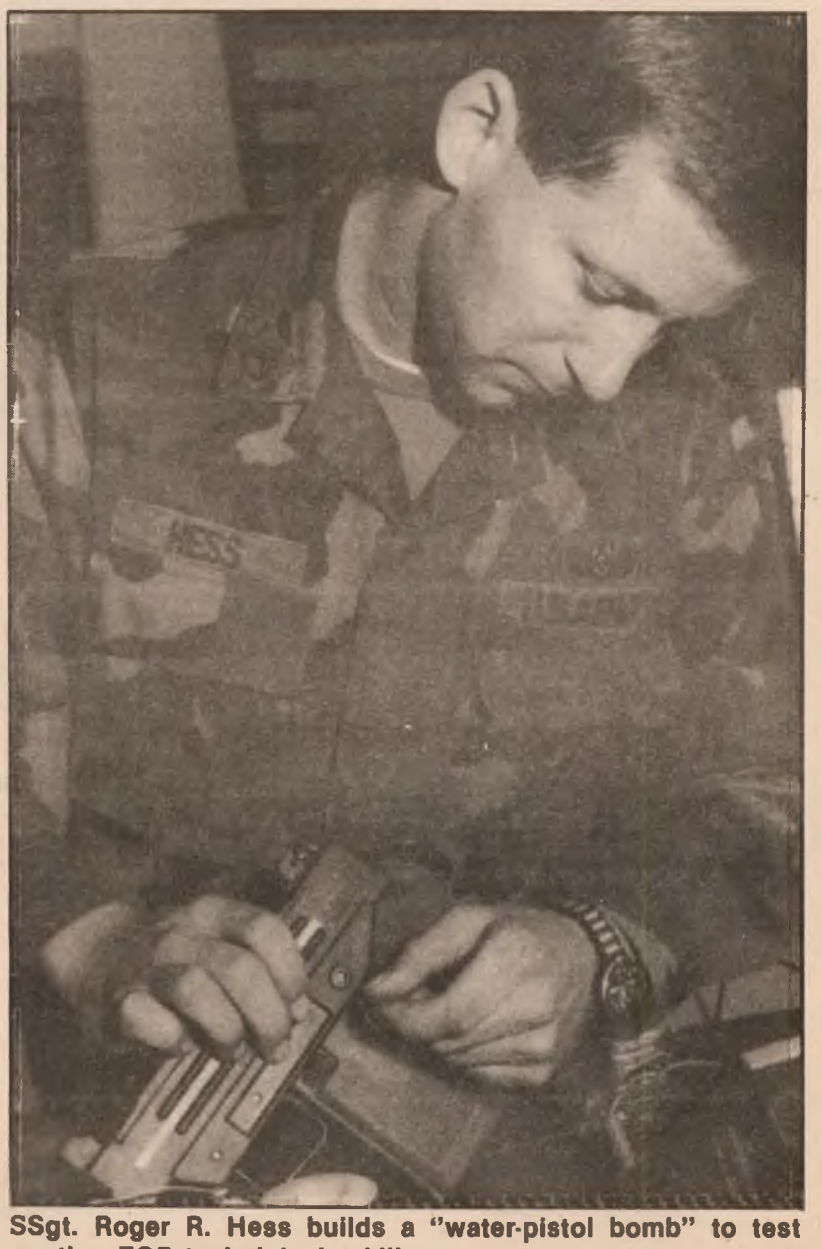
"...I thing they [people] see EOD as being on the peacekeeping side—saving buildings, property, people."

Saving anything is getting tougher for EOD these days, says Hoff. Business isn't slowing down, but recruiting is. Now, the Corps is in need of E-4s and below who qualify for the training.

Hoff is looking for a few baby boomers, soldiers who would share the risks and the rewards of being an EOD tech. If you'd like to learn more about the training, you can call him at 561-2524.



Sgt. Jeff S. Garcia plays "hostage" as SSgt. Roger R. Hess hangs a "bomb" around him. Explosive ordnance technicians trade "hostage" and "terrorist" roles during training.



SSgt. Roger R. Hess builds a "water-pistol bomb" to test another EOD technician's skills.

Soldiers and Civvies

Bay Area SHARE program pays dividends

by Joel P. Smith

Does volunteering pay? If you work for the Bay Area Share program, it pays big dividends in food — food for both body and soul.

For $12 and two hours of community service, Presidians in the program get from $30 to $36 worth of food from Self-Help and Resource Exchange. The second—community service—makes you somewhat of a Good Samaritan for hire, which makes the payoff quite unique.

"There's as much that comes to you as goes out," said Berne Weiss, host outreach coordinator for the group. "This is a service that can change your self-perception *and* put food on the table."

Table items include meat—(usually poultry)—cereals and vegetables. The intangibles, whether you call them payments or benefits, are "anything that improves the quality of life around you," said Weiss.

They can range from friendly chats at a care center for the elderly to babysitting for a neighbor. You choose.

Weiss said there is flexibility in the cash payment as well. Food stamps are accepted at all the distribution centers.

The program exists to "increase access to nutritious food and foster community values," said Weiss, explaining the philosophy behind the program.

"When people come together and feel they can do something of value, then it adds to the quality of life—both their own and that of the people around them."

Who's eligible? "Anyone that eats," Weiss said.

All you have to do is sign up for the program at one of the 80 Bay Area distribution centers—churches, senior centers and other service organizations. Nationwide, there are 13 other SHARE locations throughout the country.

Food is picked up at the same place on distribution day—either the third or fourth Saturday of each month.

For more information about the program, call SHARE at **467-2506.**

Other food assistance programs which may be of interest to Presidians are WIC and the Community Supplemental Food Program.

WIC—Women, Infants and Children—is a temporary nutrition program for pregnant women and their children. By visiting one of the health care clinics which participates in WIC, a mother can get vouchers for free food for herself and her infant.

The San Francisco program concentrates on providing foods high in iron for low-income mothers, said Anna R. Douglas, health worker for WIC. These foods include milk, cheese, cereal and juices.

Women in the program are given a check, written for specific food items, which must be used at city stores which participate in WIC.

WIC wants its mothers to get the maximum benefit from the program, so the service also gives nutrition counseling, Douglas said.

Those who meet the income requirement and who are pregnant or breast-feeding qualify for the service, Douglas explained.

To enroll, you need a WIC medical form, available at one of the service's clinics located in hospitals throughout the city. Either a nurse, doctor or dietitian must complete the form for you.

Breast-feeding mothers can stay in the program up to one year, Douglas said. Mothers bottle-feeding their babies may stay on as long as six months and get free formula for their infant.

For more information about this program, call **922-6717.**

Community Supplemental Food Program offers free food to families. Run by the Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco, the program gives families monthly food packages worth between $47 and $50, said Betty L. Brooks.

Brooks, director of nutrition services for EOC, said many Presidio families may qualify for help, but few use the program.

To the city's military and civilian population, EOC each month gives away thousands of food boxes. More than 6,000 packages a month go to women and children in the program. A separate service provides seniors with another 2,400 packages.

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Presidians

Family members considered for post jobs

by Steve Morey

Recent changes in the Family Member Employment Assistance Program now allow more Presidio family members to be considered for post appropriated-fund federal positions.

"In essence, any family member 18 years old or older can receive assistance in employment," explained Nate Kimbrough, FMEAP post coordinator.

The new hiring standards (within two of the program's placement services) should expand the number of jobs available to family members, said Kimbrough, a Civilian Personnel Directorate staffing specialist.

Hiring changes in program

The executive order which established the Military Spouse Preference Program was changed and amended. The amendment expands the grade levels for which family members can be considered without competing with other applicants.

The change only applies to family members who have worked at least 18 months in an overseas federal job (to include temporary positions) —regardless of breaks in service.

On the other hand, the Military Spouse Preference Program gives an extra benefit to both stateside and overseas spouses. A change in the spousal program now allows military spouses to receive preference in GS-1 through GS/GM-15 and wage grade positions.

Before these changes, a spouse only received preference at the GS-5 level and above.

Although family members aren't *guaranteed* a job through the program, Kimbrough suggests they call him about job possibilities at 561-2801 or 561-5732; or visit him in bldg. 37.

FMEAP guidelines

To be considered for the FMEAP, these guidelines should be followed:

- You must be at least an 18-year-old, dependent family member;
- Upon receiving orders to come to, or leave, the Presidio, you should visit your respective civilian personnel office;
- Eligible military family members can apply for non-permanent, private and federal jobs on post; and
- If family members were employed overseas, they must apply for family member consideration within three years after arriving on post.

Kimbrough said they must have the following documents: 1) an up-to-date SF 171, with original signature; 2) SF 50, "Notification of Personnel Actions," listing all periods of employment; 3) Copy of your sponsor's orders with your name as dependent; and 4) If coming from overseas, you'll need DA Form 5433-R, "Verification of Overseas Employment," and SF 75, "Preliminary Employment Data," both provided by your overseas civilian personnel office.

"Obviously, we can't place every family member into a position on post," said Kimbrough. "But the more [family members] improve themselves through interviewing, neat SF171s and hard work, the better their chances are in getting the job they want."

Currently interviewing an average of 15 family members a month, Kimbrough said CPD places about half of those into post positions.

Program members offer advice

One former post secretary recently used CPD to search for—and get—an overseas job. Diana L. Kuwamoto, formerly at the Directorate of Logistics, has since transferred with her husband, Sgt. David A. Kuwamoto, to the 732nd MI Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

"It was fast!" Diana said of the hiring process when arriving on the Presidio. "I submitted my SF 171 three days after I arrived and I had a job in one week."

Diana offers the following advice to job-seeking Presidians: "First, start the application process as soon as you find out [about the spouse's transfer]. Then, make sure your paperwork is complete and neatly filled out."

She added, "I think it's great that both of us live and work on post—there's a closeness, a togetherness. We both deal with the Army so we can share similar problems when we get home from work."

Another federally employed Presidian offers advice to post job-seekers from a "personnel" point of view. Susan E. Siefert is an administrative technician at Letterman Army Institute of Research.

She was the Civilian Personnel Liaison Officer at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe in (SHAPE) Belgium before her husband, Maj. Ernest G. Siefert, returned for his second Presidio tour.

Susan handled all of the job placements between the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. When interviewing, she advises, "Don't get discouraged. Keep applying for positions.

"If you don't get the job, call up the interviewer and ask, 'What did I do wrong during the interview?' Then, work on those weak points in time for your next interview."

USO helps, too

Additional help in "getting your foot in the door" for an FMEAP position can be found at the USO in the basement of bldg. 223. Program Director Ruth Ann Dorsey said she has referred at least 50 family members to Kimbrough within the last year.

"For those Presidians I find eligible for FMEAP, I refer to Nate," said Dorsey. "Any ineligible family members I refer to the private sector for possible employment."

Added Susan Siefert: "Because of the high cost of living in areas like San Francisco and Belgium, a second income is absolutely critical for many military families.

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Good tax records can save taxpayers substantial time and money when preparing income tax returns!

Presidians can save themselves hours of searching for earnings statements or lost receipts and canceled checks, if their financial records are in order. These records are not only necessary to prepare a complete and accurate return, but can save taxpayers money by making them aware of deductions they might have otherwise overlooked.

The types of records to save include income statements, such as Forms W-2 and W-2P, showing income from wages and from pensions and annuities, and Forms 1099-INT and 1099-DIV, showing income from interest and dividends.

Parents who pay for the care of their children or dependents while they work or look for work should keep careful records of these payments if they want to claim a credit for the amount they pay. These records should consist of a week-by-week log of the name, address and, if required, Social Security number of the care provider, as well as the amount paid. Canceled checks or receipts for cash payments will serve as substantiation.

These records will enable taxpayers to accurately compute the child and dependent care credit, which can be claimed on either Form 1040A or Form 1040.

Presidians' who itemize deductions should keep receipts, canceled checks, and other records for such things as medical and dental payments, contributions to churches and charities and statements to substantiate mortgage interest.

Records of the real estate taxes and personal property taxes paid during the tax year should also be kept. Other miscellaneous items to keep might include records of payment of union dues, unreimbursed employee business expenses, investment expense and tax return preparation fees—these can be deducted only to the extent that the total amount exceeds 2 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

Taxpayers must have statements, worksheets and receipts that document and support the income, deductions and credits claimed on their tax returns, should IRS need to examine them. These tax records should be kept at least until the period of limitation expires for the return. Usually this is three years from the date the return was due or filed or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

Sometimes records must be kept longer than the period of limitation, even though the tax return is correct and complete. Records of property transactions (including real estate, stock and machinery) should be kept for future reference. In addition, copies of old tax returns may be helpful in preparing future returns, so taxpayers may want to keep them with their other records.

Presidians who need help with their taxes will be able to use the post Tax Center and hotline starting Feb. 3. Next week's *Star Presidian* will provide more information on the Tax Center.

Job-Seeking Expenses

Amounts you spend for typing and printing a resume and postage for mailing copies of it to prospective employers may be claimed as miscellaneous itemized deductions when looking for a new job in your current occupation. Miscellaneous deductions are deductible only to the extent the total exceeds 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Tax credit aimed at low income

Low-income taxpayers may be eligible to take a special tax credit on their federal income tax returns, which could result in a larger refund.

The "earned income credit" is available to those whose income for 1988 was less than $18,576 and had a child living in their home.

Presidians entitled to the earned income credit can subtract it from the tax owed. If the credit is larger than the tax, the difference will be refunded. Even those who did not have tax withheld from their pay or are not required to file a return should file to get a refund. The credit can be as much as $874.

Those eligible for the credit must have earned income during the year. Generally, earned income includes wages, salaries, tips and self-employment income. Earned income does not include Social Security payments, welfare benefits or unemployment compensation.

Certain conditions have to be met to take this credit. For example, children must have lived in the home for more than half the year and their principal home must be in the United States. Married persons must file a joint return.

Charts and worksheets are available in the Form 1040 and Form 1040A instruction booklets to help figure the credit, or by request, the IRS can figure the tax and credit for those eligible for the earned income credit.

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Don't Forget ***State Income Tax***

Here's a Tax Tip.

Here are some pointers to help get your refund sooner.

- use the peel-off label and pre-addressed return envelope.
- round off dollar amounts.
- use the correct tax table.
- sign and date your return.

Some military pay exempt; some not

Because there are exemptions on certain military payments, there is confusion in the minds of some service members as to what is taxable and what is exempt.

To set the record straight, here's the difference.

Taxable income includes:

- Active duty pay;
- Reserve training pay;
- Re-enlistment bonus;
- Service academy pay;
- Amounts received by retiired personnel serving as instructors in Junior ROTC programs;
- Lump-sum payments upon separation or release to inactive pay; and
- Military retirement pay based on age or length of service.

The following items are not taxable:

- Quarters allowance or variable housing allowance;
- Subsistence allowance;
- Clothing allowance;
- Family separation allowance;
- Station housing allowance;
- Cost-of-living allowance;
- Moving and storage expenses provided in kind or reimbursements for actual expenses for permanent-change-of-station moves;
- Benefits under Servicemen's Group Life Insurance;
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The Fort Scott center snack bar will stay open on a reduced schedule. League secretaries should inform their bowlers, and prepare for the continuation of the league at the new center.

Youth Activities

Last chance: Some openings are still available in Youth Activities pre-ballet and pre-tap classes for boys and girls 4 to 5 years old. Sign up now—no new students will be accepted after Feb. 1. Class fee is $18 a month. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Tumbling classes: Starting now, classes will be held on Fridays in bldg. 1331 and taught by Kathy Plambeck. Classes are offered for boys and girls of all ages at beginner and intermediate levels. The schedule and fees are: 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., ages four to five, $18 a month. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., ages six through eight, $24 a month and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages nine through 12, $24 a month. Call Kathy Plambeck at *931-6250* for more information.

Golden Gaters

The Golden Gater Annual Planning Meeting will be held at the Fort Mason Officers' Club Jan. 28. A no host bar will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is $15 and includes tax and tip.

The Golden Gaters is a group for singles 40 and older, who have a tie with the military (to include DoD civilians, reservists, National Guard, military retirees and active duty). Bring your good ideas for monthly events during the year. This is the one business meeting for the year.

For more information or to let them know you are coming, call Pat Pavlison at the Presidio Post Chapel, **561-4719** or **561-4239**.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call **929-TALK**.



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Magical masked friend

Three-year-old Presidian Casey L. Cole meets magician David B. Baumbach and his "magic" raccoon during Casey's brithday party Jan. 11 at the Child Development Center. The party was put on by Casey's parents, Lt. Col. Chris L. and Kathy L. Cole.

Catalog classes

This month the United States Army Material Command (USAMC) Catalog Data Activity will hold classes on federal and Army cataloging and how to use catalog data. The presentations are oriented to military and civilian supply people.

The class will be Jan. 27, at 9 and 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in bldg. 1188. Each class lasts an hour and half. For information and enrollment, call Nancy LaSorsa, DOL at **561-4082**.

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Whale Watchers!!! Travel with ITT to Half Moon Bay for a two and a half hour whale watching expedition with the Oceanic Society. The tour is Feb. 25 and costs $30 a person.

For information about these events, call ITT at **561-3992**, or visit the ITT office, bldg. 215.

Photo Lab reopens

The Presidio Arts Center Photo Lab, bldg. 122, will re-open Tuesday and will resume regular hours: 4 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Stop by and meet the new photo instructor.

The Arts Center is ready to offer a broad selection of classes and services. For information, call **561-4497**.

Creative Cottage

Something exciting is happening at the Creative Cottage. The Cottage is undergoing a change and the staff has wonderful plans for a whole new look.

What is the Creative Cottage? It's a consignment gift shop located in bldg. 204, (next to the Thrift Shop). If you are creative and would like to earn some extra money, bring them your handiwork. Consigments will be accepted from soldiers, family members and civilians working on the Presidio.

The Cottage is open for sales and consignments 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week and the first Saturday of each month. The phone number is **567-9193**. Go and see them, they're looking forward to adding you to their longstanding consignors and customers.

Also, volunteers are needed to work in the shop.

Free parent / child classes

Free child observation classes for parents and young children (15 months to kindergarten age), begin the spring semester now. The classes are held in a nursery school environment with activities for children, and observation and discussion for parents. Classes meet on Tuesdays and/or Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon in bldg. 563.

Share your child's first experiences and learn how to be a better parent! Register at class.

This program is presented by the parents education programs, San Francisco Community College Centers, and sponsored by Presidio Youth Activities. For information, call **561-1921**.

Gym Closure

Gym No. 1's basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 29. West Point candidates will be tested in these areas. These rooms will be reopened after the tests.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Jan. 19: Land Before Time (G), 7 p.m. Marvelous animated collaboration between George Lucas and Steven Spielberg about four adventureous dinosaurs.

Fri, Jan. 20: Land Before Time (G), 7 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 21: Cocoon: The Return (PG), 7 p.m. Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley. An adventurous group of senior citizens chooses to forgo a life without sickness or death to return to Earth and help retrieve the remainder of the cocoons hidden in the ocean.

Sun, Jan. 22: Cocoon: The Return (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Jan. 23: Cocoon: The Return (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 24: Young Guns (R), 7 p.m. Charlie Sheen, Emilio Estevez. Six young men are hired to take care of an Englishman's ranch. When he is murdered, the "young guns" set out to seek revenge.

Wed, Jan. 25: Clara's Heart (PG-13), 7 p.m. Whoppi Goldberg is a Jamaican housekeeper who befriends a troubled young boy and steers him through a personal crisis.

Thu, Jan. 26: High Spirits (PG-13), 7 p.m. Steve Guttenberg, Daryl Hanna. Desperate to attract American tourists, the owner of a rundown castle/hotel pursuades his staff to masquerade as local spirits to liven up the premises.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Jan. 20	**Poltergeist III (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
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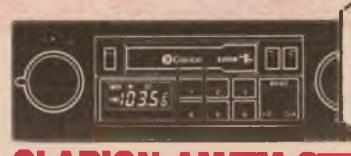
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Presidio Tax Center to open February 3

by Steve Morey and Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

"Only 81 days until this year's tax-filing deadline."

These words might strike fear into the hearts of procrastinating—(and even punctual)—post tax-filers. However, starting Feb. 3, Presidians need only visit the post Tax Center for their tax filing needs.

For the third year in a row, the Staff Judge Advocate Office staff will participate in the Department of the Army's Tax Assistance program. The post tax office will be staffed by volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service and SJA.

On Halleck Street near Garrison Headquarters, the center is on the SJA office second floor in bldg. 223.

Free tax preparation assistance, as well as free federal and state tax forms and pamphlets, are available at the center.

Presidians also can call the post "Tax Hot Line" at **561-2TAX** to schedule appointments, and to receive tax filing guidance.

Make early appointments

Post program coordinator, Patricia Halsey advises, "Call early for appointments if you want help preparing your forms. Last year, the center was booked solid by April 1."

Indeed, the Tax Center—open to soldiers and their families, Department of the Army civilians and retirees—helped prepare 1,243 tax forms and helped a total of 4,377 taxpayers in 1988.

In addition, said Halsey, the center's staff answered 1,838 tax-related questions while saving Presidians more than $80,000 in form preparation fees.

The money-saving feats, said Halsey, are due each year to post volunteers' efforts under the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The Army has incorporated the IRS program into its installations' tax programs.

Under VITA, SJA volunteers and unit tax advisers are trained to handle the most common tax questions.

Each military unit, and some civilian offices, designate one person as the unit's tax adviser.

(The *Star Presidian* will publish a UTA list in an upcoming issue.)

"UTAs are your first line of help," stressed Halsey. "Go to them **first** if you have questions about preparing your taxes, whether it's about homestate filing, or just clarification of a tax rule."

If Presidians need extra help, or don't have a unit tax adviser, then they should visit or call the Tax Center.

Volunteers train 56 hours

The group of volunteers currently are in the middle of 56 hours of tax preparation instruction

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photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

Voices

561-2TAX spells relief!

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Taxes seem to strike more fear in the hearts of Americans than any weapons, imagined or real. It isn't so much the taxes themselves which provokes the panic, but rather the process of figuring them out.

Millions of otherwise sane adults would undergo any of a thousand tortures—including being strapped to their televisions and being forced to watch countless hours of Wheel of Fortune—rather than drag out the tax schedules and receipts to compute their taxes.

I've got to admit, I'm one of the procrastinators.

Back in the days when I could simply sign my return and hand in my W-2 to have the IRS figure out how much I owed, I was the speediest taxpayer around. These days however, there are endlessly complicated tables to be followed, receipts to add and deductions to figure. It's enough to make even the fearless a little green around the gills. Let's face it, just gathering together the needed forms is cause for celebration!

This year I swore I'd sooner give up than struggle with the taxpayer shuffle. But while going through some old *Star Presidians* I stumbled across an article the paper ran last year on the post Tax Center. And there, staring me in the face was the answer to my tax dilemma.

An office on post is going to gather up all of those dozens of forms and booklets for me. Not only that, someone with IRS training is going to stand by and help me figure out what to do with all those scraps of paper I've been dutifully saving up all year.

I can hardly believe that help is just a phone call away. By calling the Tax Center hotline **561-2TAX** (since I don't have a Unit Tax Advisor), I can make an appointment with my guardian angel (so to speak) and return to the land of the unworried. Paying my taxes is a snap compared to all the months of worrying about figuring them out.

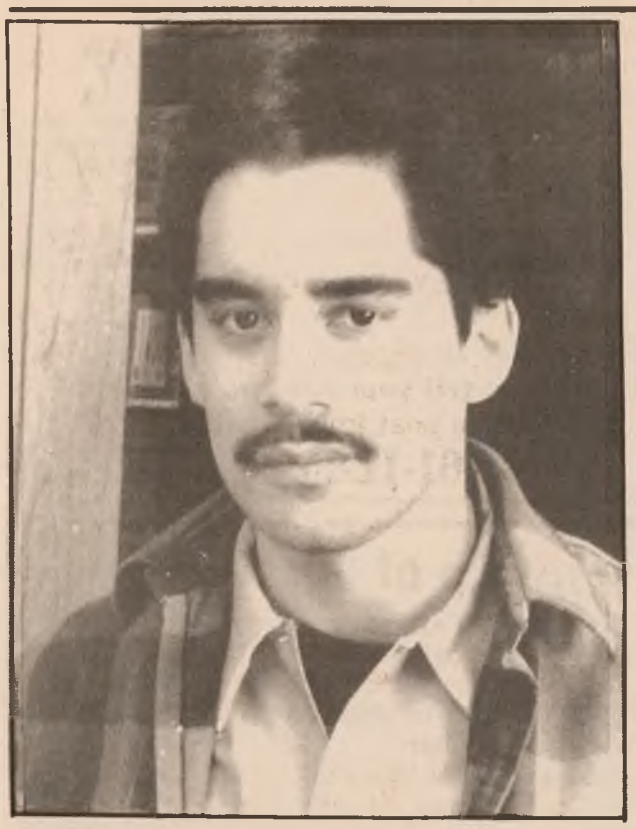
I'm all set now. Meet you at the Tax Center, bldg. 223 next Friday!



Last Minute To Mail...

Ramblin' Sam

"When do you plan to do your taxes?"



Joe Montecillo, AAFES employee: "I plan on filing my return as soon as I can. All that I'm waiting for are the W-2 forms to show up."



Katherine Valmore, Training and Audio Visual Support: "I'd like to file as soon as possible, but I have to wait for the W-2 forms to be passed out."



Lt. Col. John M. Razel, Headquarters Command Battalion commander: "I want to do my taxes as soon as I get my W-2's and, like everyone else, I'll file my return as early as possible. But I probably won't file until the 13th or 14th of April, like I did last year."

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at the Fort Scott Army Education Center; the seminar ends Tuesday.

In a December letter to all post units and offices, Col. Joseph V. Rafferty, U.S. Army Garrison Commander, said, "Our goal . . . is to provide the best tax assistance possible for all our soldiers and their families.

"A key part of a successful tax program is the unit tax adviser . . . committed to the goals of this program and motivated to help others."

Last year, one SJA tax assistance volunteer, Leland C. Ecklon, donated 824 hours of his time to help Presidians with their taxes.

"We had a *very* successful program last year—and we anticipate a lot of volunteer help again this year," said Ecklon, who recommends that Presidians bring all of their 1988 tax records when they visit the center.

"A common phrase I heard last year was 'Oh, I forgot to bring ...,' added Ecklon. "You can save yourself a trip back to us if you have what you need the first time. That way, we can better serve you."

Although there were no major changes in the tax laws in 1988, said Halsey, the dollar amounts for some deductions have changed, such as the "earned income credit." Starting Feb. 3, Presidians can call their UTA or the Tax Center to answer their tax questions.

"It's important to file early to get your refund quickly—late filers might have to wait six weeks for their refunds," stressed Halsey. "Remember to also find out about all deductions, like IRA [Individual Retirement Account] credit."

By the way, the government has allowed two extra days to file this year. For "on-timers", and those "not-so-on-timers," the post Tax Center will be open until 4:30 p.m. on April 17. Presidians' returns must be postmarked by that date.

Happy filing.

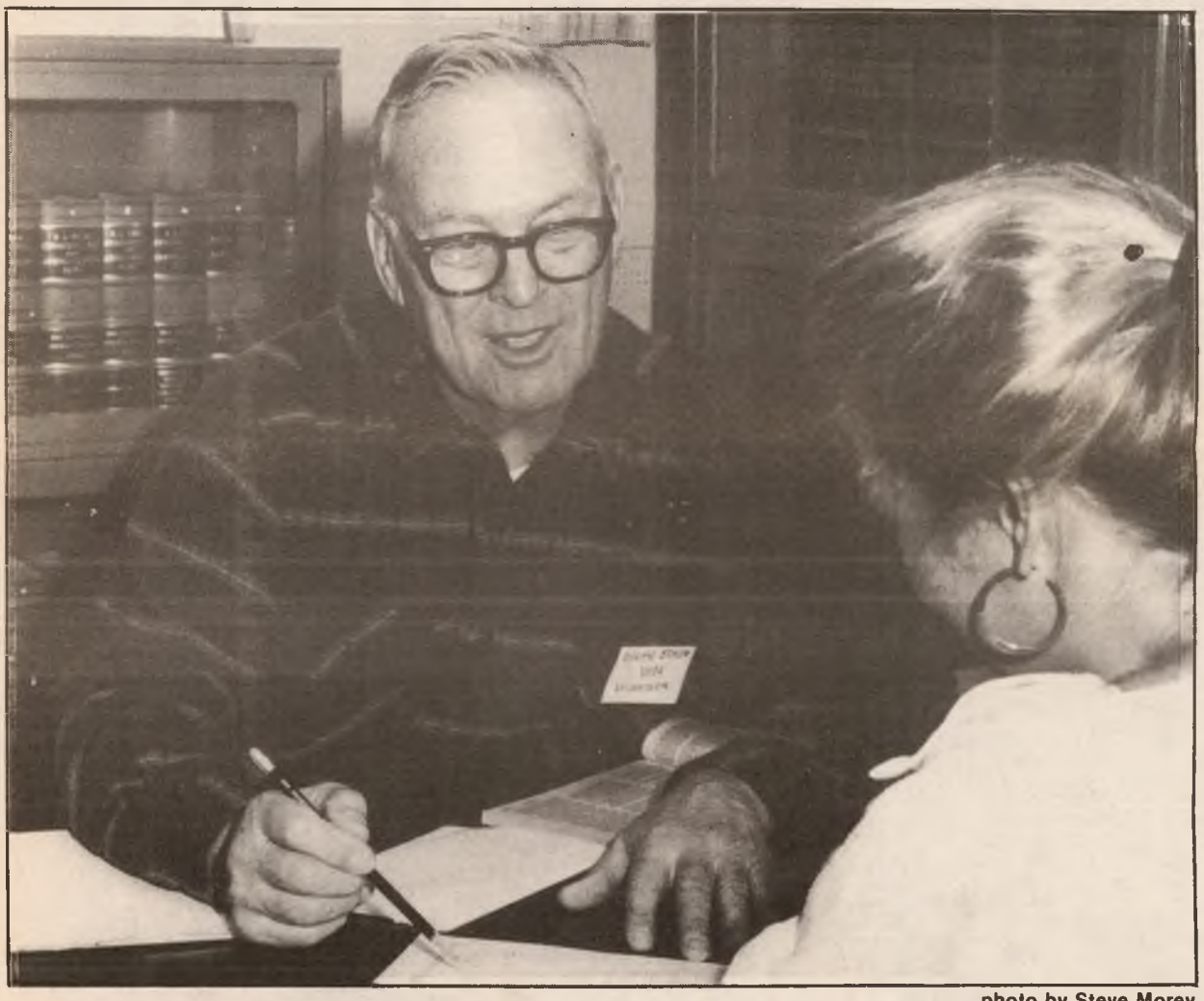


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Leland Ecklon volunteers his experience as a tax advisor inside the Presidio Tax Center.

CPO Job Openings

Lead File Clerk: 179-89Z(RJ), GS-305-4, closes Jan. 31.
MEPRS Technician (typing): 180-89(RJ), GS-503-6, closes Jan. 31.
Computer Scientist: 181-89(MG), GS-1550-12, closes Jan. 31.
Supervisory Computer Operator: 182-89(MG), GS-332-9, closes Feb. 1.
Tools and Parts Attendents (MVO): 183-89(JP) WG-6904-5, closes Feb. 1.
Supervisory Military Personnel Technician: 184-89(MG), GS-204-8, closes Feb. 1.
Supply Technician: 185-89(DR), GS-2005-7, closes Feb. 1.
Operations Clerk (typing): 186-89(GC), GS-303-4, closes Feb. 3.
Warehouse Worker: 187-89(MS), WL-6907-6, closes Feb. 3.
Equal Employement Manager: 188-89(MS), GS-260-9/11, closes Feb. 3.
Quality Assurance Specialist: 189-89(GR), GS-1910-9, closes Feb. 17.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732**, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

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Recreation Aide: PS-189-03, $5.89 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-03, $6.53 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Laundry Mender/Worker: NA-3501-03, $6.43 an hour, regular, full-time.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call **561-5095**. or **561-2947**.

News Briefs

Uniform changes

Starting now, soldiers can wear their awards, badges and decoration on the shirt of the Class B uniform. According to the Army News Service, the change was prompted by input from soldiers and coincides with other measures to improve the look of Class B shirts. Other changes on the way: heavier fabric and changes in the collar length. A spokesman for the Soldier Policy Branch said the same guidelines and regulations for placing items on the jacket will be used for placing them on the shirt. Now authorized for optional wear on the AG 415 green and AG 428 polywool green shirts are:

- Individual awards and decorations;
- Unit awards and decorations;
- Miniature (half-size) or full-size combat and special skill badges;
- Marksmanship, identification and foreign badges; and
- Regimental and infantry distinctive insignia, as well as airborne trimming.

The new policy does not allow Presidio soldiers to wear distinctive unit insignia on the epaulets. No sew-on patches, badges or insignia can be worn

Army News Service

ID Card Section closure

The ID Card Section will close at noon on the first and third Thursday of every month, beginning next week.

PX hours

A reminder to Presidians, the main post exchange is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

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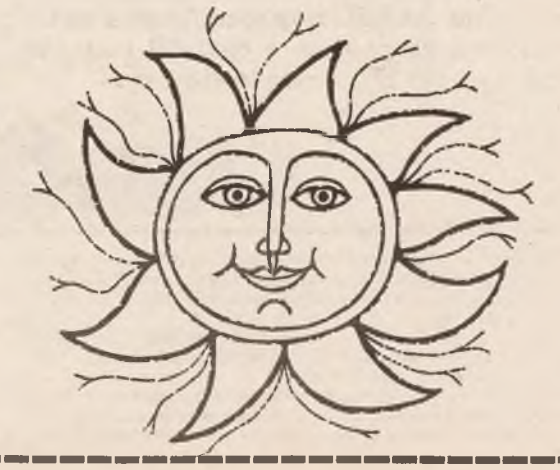
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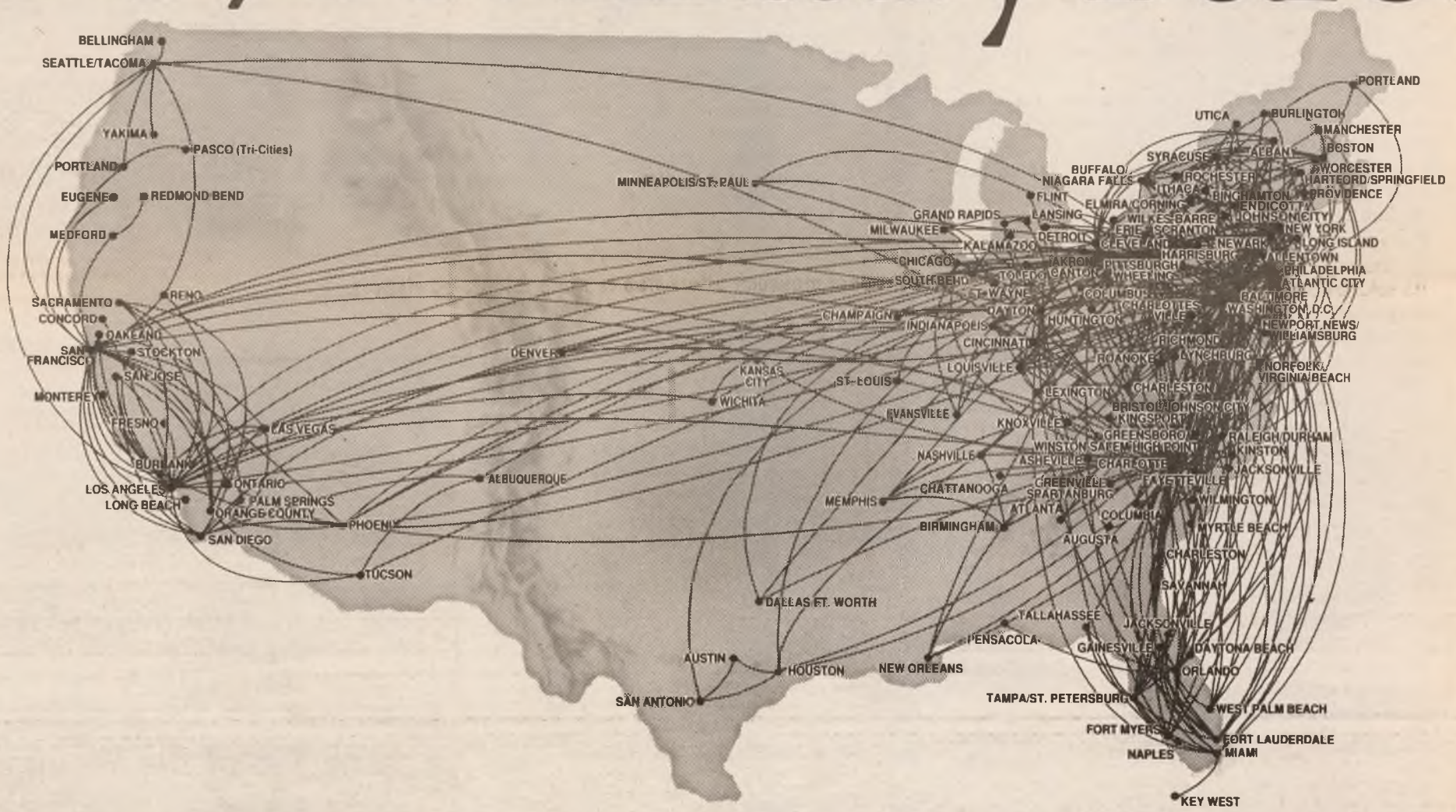
Energy Tip of the Week

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Army Museum

Museum offers more than a 'blast from the past'

by Ken Robinson

With views of the San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge, the Presidio of San Francisco has often been called one of the most beautiful stateside assignments. The rich history of the Presidio, the oldest Army installation in the United States, can be appreciated with a visit to the Presidio's U.S. Army Museum.

Visitors to the museum are first impressed by its stately appearance. The structure dates to the 1860s, when it was built as the post's hospital. Its patients included soldiers of many conflicts before it was converted into a museum in 1974.

With its Mission-style buildings and lush, green landscapes, accentuated by towering eucalyptus trees, today's Presidio contrasts sharply with the original fort, built 212 years ago. In 1776, when it was founded by the Spanish, the Presidio was a tiny, adobe outpost located on a barren, wind swept sand dune overlooking the bay. (A wall from one of these adobe structures has been preserved in the Officers' Club.)

A to-scale model of the original outpost is featured in one section of the museum. Also featured in this section are uniforms, tools and weapons from the various armies stationed at the Presidio: the Spanish from 1776 to 1821; the Mexicans from 1821 to 1846; and from 1846 to present when the United States has held the fort.

The city of San Francisco started with the Presidio.

Throughout the city's history, the Presidio and its soldiers have proven themselves to be valuable neighbors. On April 18, 1906, San Francisco was devastated by a 48-second-long earthquake (which measured 8.25 on the Richter scale) and an ensuing fire.

The Presidio was damaged very little during the earthquake because the installation is located on 70 percent bedrock. As a result, its troops were rallied to the city's aid and its facilities and land opened to help care for the more than 300,000 people made homeless by the disaster.

One of the museum's most dramatic displays is a model of San Francisco's California Street. The model graphically depicts the damage inflicted upon this beautiful city by the earthquake and fire.

Front page newspapers of the period on display scream down from the walls with such headlines as "300,000 are Homeless, Hungry and Helpless."

Also on display are a variety of photographs showing the earthquake and fire devastation, and the Presidio's relief efforts. The photographs include Presidio soldiers patrolling the streets to control looting, the field hospitals the Army set up at the Presidio and Golden Gate Park, the emergency food lines the Army established to distribute free food and the tens of thousands of tents the Army distributed free to the city's homeless.

When the museum was first getting established in the early 1970s, one of the original tents given away to a homeless family was donated back to the museum. The tent was used by a family on Anza Street to live in while they rebuilt their house, destroyed by the earthquake. The tent is now one of the museum's numerous life-like exhibits.

Two of the earthquake refugee cottages built by the city are also on display behind the museum.

Aside from Presidio information, throughout the museum is the history of this nation's military campaigns: from the arrival of the first U.S. troops assigned to defend out western coast, to command bunkers and artifacts from World Wars I and II as well as displays of uniforms, and material of today's Army.

The museum also offers guided tours, a reference library and the loan of authentic uniforms from various eras of the U.S. Army's history. The museum is open to the public free of charge, Tuesday through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call **561-4115**.



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The post museum offers free tours to interested visitors.



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Originally the Wright General Hospital, the museum houses displays that include vintage uniforms, models and historical photographs.

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Soldiers and Civvies

Service Center answers CHAMPUS questions

by Harry Church

This is the fifth in a series of articles about the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI). There have been major changes concerning CHAMPUS benefits in California and Hawaii. If you have more questions or need unit briefings, call the Letterman CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650** (on post dial "9" first). The next two public CRI briefings at LAMC will be held in Torney Hall Thursday and Feb. 16 at noon.

CHAMPUS Prime

Q. What are some of the enhanced or added benefits of CHAMPUS Prime?

A. At reduced or no cost, CHAMPUS Prime offers extra benefits not available under Standard CHAMPUS. These include periodic check-ups, immunizations and wellness programs.

Q. If I receive an immunization during a visit to my primary care physician/site, will I pay one copayment or two?

A. Only one copayment will be charged for the visit.

Q. Is mammogram service under CHAMPUS Prime available only during the physical exam or can it be provided at other times as well?

A. Mammograms are provided whenever medically indicated and supported by an approved diagnosis.

Q. What happens if I want a second opinion about something, but my primary care physician/site hasn't made a referral?

A. A second opinion is a "utilization management/pre-admission tool." You'll be questioned about the reason for requesting a second opinion, as it may represent dissatisfaction with your primary care physician/site. The health care finder will work out this issue before arranging a second opinion.

Q. How much will I pay for prenatal visits to an obstetrician?

A. Prenatal care falls under a "global fee," which is billed once as inpatient care.

Q. Currently under Standard CHAMPUS, an active duty soldier receiving mental health therapy with his/her family is covered under the program. Is this also true under CHAMPUS Prime?



A. Yes. CHAMPUS Prime will provide coverage for an active duty soldier and his or her family in mental health therapy.

Q. If I enroll in CHAMPUS Prime, can I still use the Military Treatment Facility (MTF)?

A. Yes. In fact, for specialty and inpatient treatment, you're required to use the MTF for care, when it is available. If the MTF is not available, the health care finder will direct you to a private facility.

Q. Do I have to use the MTF?

A. When you must be hospitalized for 24 hours or longer (inpatient care), you must first try to get treatment at the MTF. If no space is available, you're required to get a non-availability statement (NAS) from your health benefits advisor. (This also is the current rule under Standard CHAMPUS.)

Q. If I choose the MTF as my primary care site, will I also need to choose a primary care physician at the MTF?

A. Unless the MTF has a Family Practice Panel or Primary Care Physician program with available openings for patients, you will not choose a specific primary care physician at the site.

Q. If I need surgery and the MTF (my primary care physician/site) is full, am I still required to get an NAS?

A. Yes. Under CHAMPUS Prime, any time you need inpatient treatment and the MTF is full, in order to be covered by civilian providers, you are required to get an NAS.

Q. If I've chosen the MTF as my primary care physician/site, will I have the same priority for appointments as active duty people?

A. No. The priority of your appointment will not change as a CHAMPUS Prime enrollee.

Q. If the MTF is my primary care physician/site, will I have to pay a $5 copayment for routine visits to my physician?

A. No. Routine visits at the MTF are provided at no charge.

Q. What about prescriptions? How much will they cost?

A. Under CHAMPUS Prime, active duty dependents pay a $4 copayment for each prescription, up to 30-day supply. For retirees and their dependents, the copayment is $5 for each prescription. In either case, prescriptions must be filled by an approved pharmacy listed in the CHAMPUS Prime and Extra Pharmacy Directory (available upon enrollment or at the CHAMPUS Service Center).

Q. Will I still be able to use the military pharmacy if I join CHAMPUS Prime?

A. Yes, to the same extent as other CHAMPUS beneficiaries, when the medication is available at the pharmacy.

Scouts dish up cookies, responsibility

by Ken Robinson

"To be all that you can be" is what the Girl Scouts are all about, according to Beverly Johnson. The Service Unit Director, Johnson is also the Presidio troop leader for the Girl Scouts of America.

The Girl Scouts will celebrate their 77th birthday this spring and are quite active on post.

The Presidio has 90 scouts, broken down into five program levels to accommodate different ages. The youngest girls are allowed to begin as Daisies; open to children in kindergarten. The next group is the Brownies for girls in first through third grades. Juniors are for fourth through sixth graders, and Cadets are open to sixth through eighth grade girls. Seniors are open to young women in high school.

Not just cookies...

With the changing times, the Girl Scouts have undergone some changes. No longer content to teach citizenship and cookie baking alone, today's Girl Scouts gain experience in outdoor activities and ... yes!... auto repair. The only limitations are those set by the scout's interests and abilities.

The idea behind the broadened aspect of the Girl Scouts, and scouting in general, is to teach young people to develop their potential. Leaders try to teach girls and young women how to relate to others, develop values and contribute to society. All activities, troop meetings and service projects are planned (considering different skill levels also) with these goals in mind.

Presidio Girl Scout activities include taking part in the community clean-up projects, working at the recycling station on a rotating basis with other post outfits, and volunteering at the Veterans Administration Medical Facility.

Still, cookies have a place...

In addition, the annual cookie drive is coming up. Pre-orders for cookies will be taken through Feb. 4. Cookie sales and deliveries begin March 3.

Feb. 1, a Court of Awards (open to the public) will be held in the Log Cabin. The event will feature a scouting uniform vintage fashion show.

For more information about Girl Scouts, either as a potential scout or as an adult volunteer, call Youth Activities at **561-5143.**



TAXPAYERS *with dependents*

HERE'S A TAX TIP:

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Sports

Presidian takes Armed Forces Cross Country title

story and photo by Ken Robinson

A Presidio soldier was the top women's competitor at the Armed Forces Cross Country Championships held at Paul Goode Field on post Jan. 13.

Lori Bearson, a sergeant assigned to the 902nd Military Intelligence Group, ran against 15 other competitors. She wrapped up the 5-kilometer course in 18 minutes and 59 seconds.

Bearson beat her own time of 19:34 in the All-Army trials held on the same course earlier this month. Now she will represent the Army in an international meet overseas in February.

"I'm excited about it," Bearson said about participating in the *Conseil Internationale du Sports Militaire* (CISM) for the *second* time. This year's competition will be held in Tunis, Tunisia.

Another All-Army runner, Laura Edmark, came in just 15 seconds behind Bearson. Edmark is a specialist assigned to Eighth Army in Japan.

In the men's competition, the Navy sailed into the lead as Mark Donohue took first with a time of 39:21 on the 12k course. The Marines' Randy Hoyles placed second with a time of 39:50.

Former Presidian Mica Comstock, now assigned in Germany, took third—six seconds behind Hoyles.

This will *also* be the second trip to the world class competition for Comstock, who placed 41st last year.

"I'm glad that I've earned the chance to go back for a second run. I just hope that I can do better this year than last," he said.

Comstock also ran in the 13th annual Zoo Run, Jan. 15 at the San Francisco Zoo. He took first place in the 3-mile family classic.



Lori Bearson races to a winning finish.



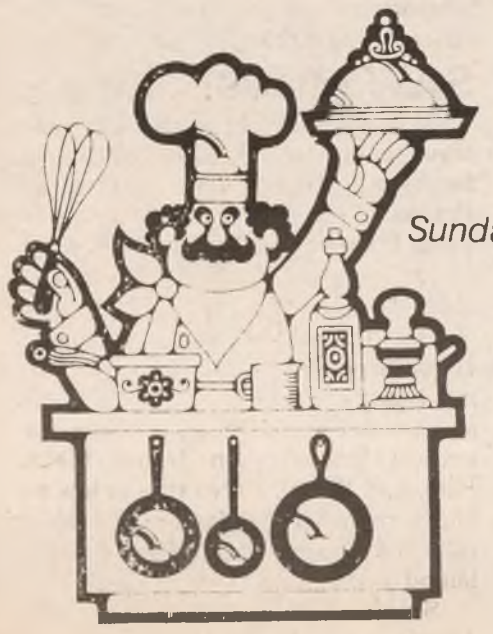
The Jan. 15 Zoo Run featured 6,000 runners. Former Presidian Mica Comstock finished first in the 3-mile family classic. photo by Ken Robinson

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Community Calendar

National Prayer Breakfast

The Presidio Chaplain's office will host this year's National Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 2 at 6:45 a.m. in the Officers' Club. The guest speaker will be Father Larry Brett, who is editor and author of *Share the Word*, a nationwide Catholic study book. He is a former Army chaplain.

Tickets are $5. For more information and tickets, call SFC Boyd at **561-4711** or **561-4719** or come by the Post Chapel.

POWC

Feb. 2 is the next Presidio Officers' Wives' Club luncheon at the Officers' Club. The hostesses will be the Sixth Army wives. POWC members will be modeling the latest spring and summer garments by the Susan Mathews Boutique. Social hour will begin at 11:15 a.m. and luncheon will be served at noon. Make reservations by noon, Monday, and cancellations by noon, Tuesday, by calling Geri Margetts at **563-9807** or Patty Loewenkamp at **668-9183**.

ENABLE yourself

Work with a microcomputer? While working with wordprocessing do you need information from a database? The Army Education Center offers two workshops in ENABLE.

ENABLE overview will be held Feb. 7 to March 2, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Advanced ENABLE database, held March 7 to 28, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:15 to 4:15 p.m., provides in-depth coverage.

These courses are free for soldiers and DA civilians. For others, the cost is: ENABLE overview $150; and Advanced ENABLE is $125.

For more information, or to enroll, call or visit the Army Education Center, bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**.

GMAT

The Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, will give the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) on March 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The GMAT is given free to active duty or reserve soldiers who plan to pursue a master's degree in business.

Interested soldiers may order a test during an in-person counseling session.

For information, call a counselor at the Army Education Center, **561-2974** 2or **561-4445**, or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**. **Deadline is Feb. 3.**



photo courtesy ITT Office

Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice

Pinocchio will be appearing at the Cow Palace in Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice. Tickets are available at ITT, bldg. 215, for the Feb. 18 performance. The cost is $9.50, reduced from $11.50.

AUSA symposium

AUSA is holing a symposium Feb. 23 and 24 in San Jose. Civilian executives and top Army leaders will be exchanging views on what the modern Army has and desires. "Army 2001," will emphasize technological goods and services ranging from armaments to electronics to vehicles.

General Maxwell R. Thurman, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, will be the banquet speaker. The keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Richard D. Beltson, Deputy for Technological Planning and Assessment, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, RDA. Military and civilian display booths will be open.

For details about the symposium, call the executive director, Lt. Col. Jim Duffy, at **(408) 452-2141**.

Arts and Crafts

All arts and crafts classes are open to soldiers, family members and DA civilians. Next week's *Star Presidian* will list all classes available. For information, call the Arts Center at **561-4497**.

After school care

There are still openings in the after school care program at the Youth Activities Center for children in grades one through six. YA staff provides quality after school care that includes arts and crafts, cooking and food preparation classes, free swimming at the post pool, video movies, and lots of fun things to do at the Youth Activities Center! The program stresses activities and is reasonably priced. This can be a real help to working parents. Call the Center at **561-5143** for more information.

Whale watchers

Whale Watchers!!! Travel with ITT to Half Moon Bay for a two-and-a-half hour whale watching expedition with the Oceanic Society. The tour is Feb. 25 and costs $30 a person.

Youth dances

Start the new year off on the right foot with dances at the Youth Activities Center, bldg. 1331, at Fort Scott. A pre-teen dance will be held tomorrow, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., with a $1 admission charge.

There will be a teen dance, with a DJ, the next evening, Saturday, from 8 to 11 p.m. For the teen dance there is a $3 admission charge. One guest per ID card holder is permitted. For information call the Youth Activities office at **561-5910**.

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Stop by bldg. 215 for all the details, or call the SATO Travel Leisure Office at **561-2314** or **561-2315**. The office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Starting Feb. 6, the official SATO Travel office in bldg. 35 will extend hours for phone reservations until 3:30 p.m. Office hours will remain the same: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone numbers are: **561-2226, 561-2227** and **561-2228**.

Gym closures

The basketball court and weight room in Gym No. 1 will be closed Sunday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., and Feb. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. These areas are being used to test West Point and Air Force Academy candidates. These rooms will be reopened after the tests.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call **929-TALK**.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Jan. 26: High Spirits (PG-13), 7 p.m. Steve Guttenberg, Daryl Hanna. Desperate to attract American tourists, the owner of a rundown castle/hotel pursuades his staff to masquerade as local spirits to liven up the premises.

Fri, Jan. 27: High Spirits (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 28: My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13), 7 p.m. Dan Aykroyd, Kim Basinger. A scientist searching for extraterrestrial intelligent life finds what he's looking for—and more-at a singles party.

Sun, Jan. 29: My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, Jan. 30: My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 31: Nightmare on Elm Street 4 (R), 7 p.m. Robert Eglund. Freddy Krueger, the sadistic dream phantom, returns to terrorize more sleeping teens.

Wed, Feb. 1: Fresh Horses (PG-13), 7 p.m. Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy. A conservative college senior tragically lets asll aspects of his life slide after he becomes infatuated with a sensual, young married woman with a gun-crazy husband.

Thu, Feb. 2: Rambo III (R), 7 p.m. Sylvester Stallone. Action and excitement prevail as Rambo heads up a another dangerous mission in war-torn Afghanistan.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	**Jan. 27**	**A Fish Called Wanda (R)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat,	**Jan. 28**	**Ernest Goes to Camp (PG)**	**1 p.m.**
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Post chooses award- winning NCO of the Year

story and photo by Steve Morey

A post soldier ended 1988 the same way he began it—on top of the pack.

Sgt. Jaime F. Flores was named the post's 1988 NCO of the Year on Jan. 26, about ten months after he won NCO of the Quarter (from January through March).

The MP shift supervisor and assistant squad leader from the Law Enforcement Company said it didn't matter if he won or lost the soldier of the year competition.

"The most important aspect of appearing before [competitive] boards," said the 23-year-old Flores, "is to properly present yourself and gain experience with each board appearance."

Throughout his four-and-a-half years in the Army (with more than a year on post), Flores has done just that—racking up awards and respect along the way.

Receives choice advice

Flores' list of awards includes honor graduate in Basic Training and distinguished graduate during Advanced Individual Training, both at Fort McClellan, Ala.

"I'm confident in myself and all that I do," explained the post's top NCO. "There isn't a situation which I can't deal with."

Indeed, his first MP assignment as a private first class in Schwaebish-Gmuend, Germany, was to ticket a brigadier general for a traffic violation.

Since then, he's assumed NCO responsibilities, including those of assistant squad leader for his company. Flores helps Sgt. Terry F. Wince keep the soldiers properly informed, trained and motivated.

"A former battalion commander gave me some good advice, which I'll never forget. He said, 'Mission first—soldiers always.' As an NCO, I try to live by that standard."

According to Wince, Flores is "one of the best NCOs" he's ever worked with. "If you give [Flores] a mission, he'll complete it to the last detail.

"He knows how to train, and he leads by example through his appearance and leadership. Basically, he gets the job done—right."

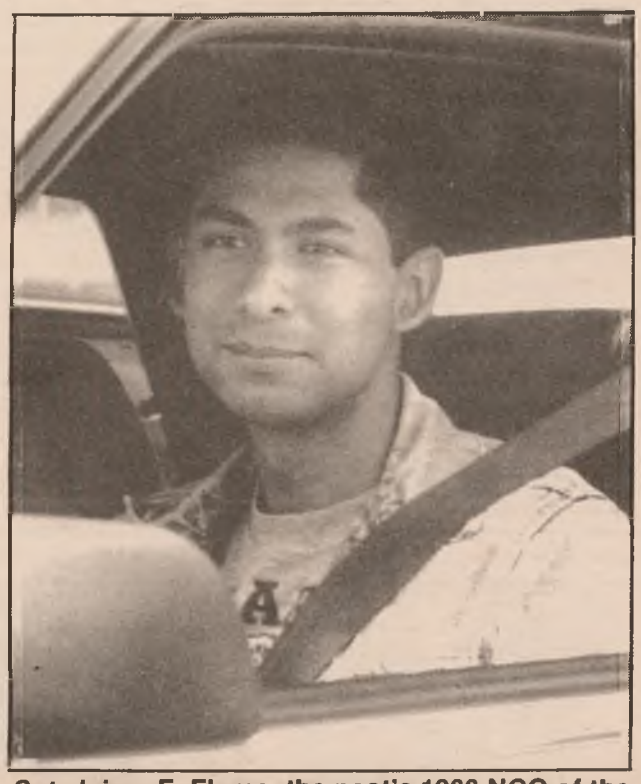
Board questions

Board competitors faced the usual barrage of questions, including an "off-the wall" query about the Department of the Defense Mapping Agency.

Flores laughed. "When I read the map reading field manual, I just glanced at the part which listed the agency. I thought to myself, 'Nah, they won't ask questions on *that*.'"

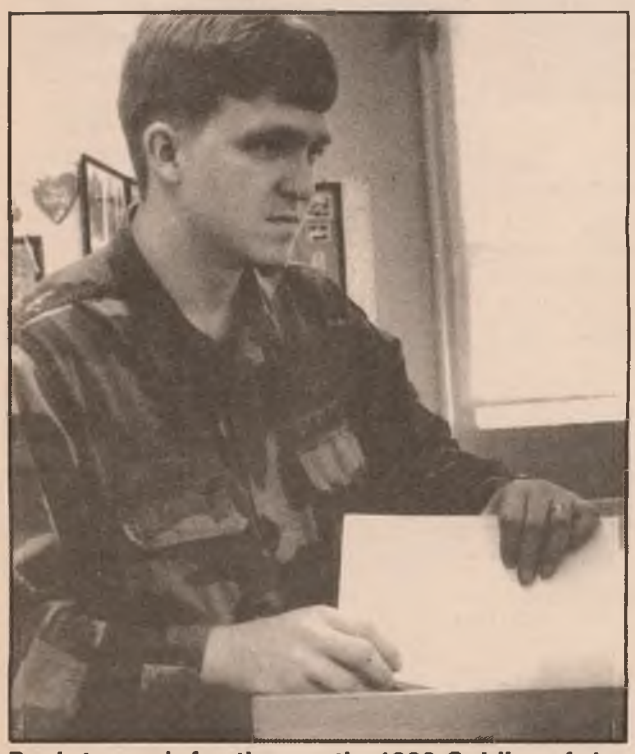
Surprise! Flores missed that question.

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Sgt. Jaime F. Flores, the post's 1988 NCO of the Year, relaxes in his car behind the Provost Marshal Office.

Presidio Soldier of the Year composed, confident



Back to work for the post's 1988 Soldier of the Year, Spec. Sandy Deas of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

story and photo by Steve Morey

He said it cost him the Headquarters Command Battalion Soldier of the Month title in October 1988. He rebounded to take top battalion and post honors the next month and, like a runaway tank on a downhill charge, swept the post's Soldier of the Year award for 1988.

All because he kept his composure.

Spec. Sandy D. Deas Jr., from Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, kept his cool and claimed the award over seven other post soldiers at the Jan. 26 competition.

"Composure, that was the key." said the Headquarters Command Battalion personnel administrative specialist as he leaned back in his chair.

"I was shaky at first when [board members] checked my Class "A" uniform and my facing movements in the room. After that, I relaxed and began to show more confidence as the questions were asked.

"You have to answer the questions—whether you're right or wrong—with authority, 'Boom, boom!'" he said to the synchronized snapping of his fingers.

"Even if you don't know the answer, you should reply with a strong, **"I don't know the answer, Sergeant Major."**

Birthday present

When talking to Deas—a Berlin, Ga., native (population: about 400)—one can only wonder how the more than five-year soldier could ever lose his composure. His soft-spoken words are delivered with a sense of authority; and his eyes always seem to be focused on you, listening to every word you have to say.

But Deas said a *lack* of composure cost him a possible battalion "Soldier of the Month" title in October. After winning USAG's board that month, he then competed for top battalion honors.

"I hate losing. After I didn't win the battalion [SOM] board in October. I went home and wanted to cry out of anger at myself. So I studied even harder for [November's SOM board]," said Deas, who celebrated his 25th birthday the day before the post soldier of the year board.

Winning top honors was "kind of a birthday present" to himself, added a smiling Deas.

Double-duty

To allow for studying time, Deas' supervisor gave him a day off every so often to study for the board. SSgt. Robert V. Colet, personnel staff NCO for Headquarters Command Battalion, said he chose the right soldier to represent USAG.

"I was proud—but not surprised," he said upon hearing that Deas had won. "I was confident he would win the day he was selected for the company boards in October and November."

Deas handles the battalion's daily status report as well as the administration of promotions and good conduct medals. Despite a co-worker on leave only weeks before Deas' Jan. 26 board appearance, he pulled double duty: working during the day, studying at night.

His wife, Michelle, helped him study for each board, especially the year's final board. "She asked questions from the [field manuals and Army regulations], but got frustrated when I didn't answer the question word-for-word," Deas recalled with a laugh.

"I explained that the board members were looking more for how I answered the questions, not just if I know the answers [verbatim]."

Said Deas' newlywed bride (the Deas' were married May 12, 1988): "I'm proud of him because he's doing so well. It's been hard—he's been busy a lot. But I knew it wouldn't last forever."

Offers advice

A former heavy anti-armor weapons crewmember, Deas was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the Schweinfurt, West Germany.

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Voices

Alert soldiers battle crime, defend Presidio

by Patrick R. Wilson

On Jan. 19, the Presidio recorded another victory against crime. First, let's set the stage.

It's 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Spec. Michael Roser and Sgt. Gerald Shreck were just one hour away from ending their day at 87th Explosive Ordnance Detachment. Shreck is in the training room and Roser is looking out the back window which overlooks the Presidio impound lot.

Suddenly, said Roser, "I spotted two gentlemen inside the impound lot: they were carrying car parts in their hands."

Suspecting that something wasn't right, Roser told Shreck what he saw. While Roser telephoned the Military Police, Shreck went to the window and saw the two men carrying the car parts leave the lot through a whole cut in the south end of the perimeter fence.

About two minutes later, patrol supervisor Sgt. Jaime Flores and his partner PFC Jared Horvath were dispatched to the impound lot in response to a complaint that two suspicious men might be stealing car parts from the impound lot. While the supervisor and his partner were responding to the call, the dispatcher gave the description of the two men to all patrols on duty.

After hearing this description another patrol, Spec. Richard Harris and Spec. Marc Moore spotted two young men fitting the description. They stopped them and asked for their identification when Flores and Horvath pulled up in their patrol vehicle at the scene.

While one of the young men produced his identification, the other man stated that he "must have lost it along the trail from the impound lot."

Flores told Horvath to follow the man up the trail to find his identification. After a few steps the man started running. Horvath chased him. Seeing this, Flores got in his patrol vehicle and drove to the bottom of the hill behind the recently closed Defense Language Institute to cut the suspect off. When the suspect saw that he was going to be trapped he tried to run another direction but was overcome by the two MPs.

Flores later found the man's identification in his back pocket.

In the bushes just a few feet from where the two men were first approached, various auto parts and a canvas bag containing tools were found and taken as evidence.

The two suspects who were apprehended and taken to the Military Police station where they were charged with theft of government property and trespassing.

This is an example of how *you* can stop crime in its tracks—like Roser and Shreck. Because Roser and Shreck remained calm and acted quickly; reliable descriptions were given to the Military Police Desk sergeant and enabled the responding MPs to take effective action.

Rosser and Shreck, the Presidio thanks you and we hope that we all may follow your example in the future.

Ramblin' Sam

"How has the Army contributed to racial equality in the United States?"

[Editor's note: *The post celebrates Black History Month during February.]*



Spec. Arthur B. Simmons, draftsman, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion: All I can say is the Army is an equal opportunity employer—it doesn't discriminate against race where employement is concerned."



Peggy L. Choy, secretary, Sports Branch: "The Army's been fair since I've been here [five years at the Sports Branch and eight years on post]. And the Army does a very good job with ethnic celebrations."



Spec. Jim L. Clark, NBC NCOIC, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion: "The Army has supervisors of all different races in almost every position. And it doesn't judge you by **who** you are, but by **what** you are and what you can do. The Army's about the least prejudiced institution in the U.S. today."



Ann G. Cassell, intern, Fort Scott Education Center: "I've worked as a teacher in [Department of Defense schools] and we tried to celebrate *every* part of our culturally diverse heritage; Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Week, Asian-American Week, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. They all go into what we are—and that's beautiful people."

Do You Know?

The type of classified message used to transmit information about navigational dangers, mined areas and searched or swept channels?
q-message

The number of Americans estimated to be 100 pounds or more overweight?
100,000

The name of the first living enlisted man to receive the Air Force Cross?
SMSgt. Duane D. Hackney

The quantity of radiation of any type that produces the same effect as the absorption of one roentgen of X-ray or gamma radiation?
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The name of the person who invented the Aqua-lung?
Jacques-Yves Cousteau

The average time a worker stays on any one job, according to the U.S. Department of Labor?
five years for men, three to four years for women

The number of intercontinental ballistic missiles in the U.S weapons inventory?
1,000

The first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
Amelia Earhart
(May 20-21, 1932)

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When he prepares for boards, Flores recalls some advice he received as a private, this time from a former squad leader.

"He told me, 'Don't concentrate too much on memorizing. It's not so important as how you go about learning the information. Study it—but know it!'

"I read the FMs [field manuals] and ARs [Army regulations], but I keep in mind how each task would be implemented during hands-on training."

According to Flores' platoon sergeant, winning such an award sets an example for other soldiers. "Everybody has an opportunity to win an award like this. It's not something out of reach."

Labeling himself an "intermediate" skier, Flores said he plans to hit the slopes at least four or five more times this winter. Other than that, the post's top NCO of 1988 said he'll relax when not performing his MP duties.

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Upon reenlisting in 1987, he switched Military Occupational Specialties; he's been on post since April 1988.

Deas' future plans include a March visit to Fort Ord, Calif., for the Primary Leadership Development Course, and a trip to Fort Benning, Ga., to attend the U.S. Army Airborne School in May 1990.

As for the importance of Soldier of the Month and Year boards, USAG's 1st Sgt. John B.M. Hansell, says, "It helps to develop a soldier's confidence—the experience of sitting there sweating, your nerves running wild. After it's over, you think, 'Hey, that wasn't so bad.'"

Now that Deas is the post's top 1988 soldier, he and Michelle will "Relax. We have a couple of dogs which we take for walks along Baker Beach near [the] Pershing [Housing Area]."

And if he faces any obstacles in the coming months? No sweat. He says he'll stay calm and cool. Deas now knows that composure is the key to success.

News Briefs

New deadline!

The *Star Presidian* deadline has changed. Anyone submitting material to the newspaper must now be sure it is received by the *Star Presidian* staff by the close of business **Thursday** for publication the following week. Anyone mising this deadline will not have announcements published until the next week.

Be sure anything you submit is typed, double spaced, uses civilian times and dates and includes a first name for the point of contact. Without this your item may be delayed or even sent back to you to have these things added.

The *Star Presidian* office is in bldg. 37, room 215.

ID Card Section closure

The ID Card Section will close at noon on the first and third Thursday of every month starting today.

PX hours

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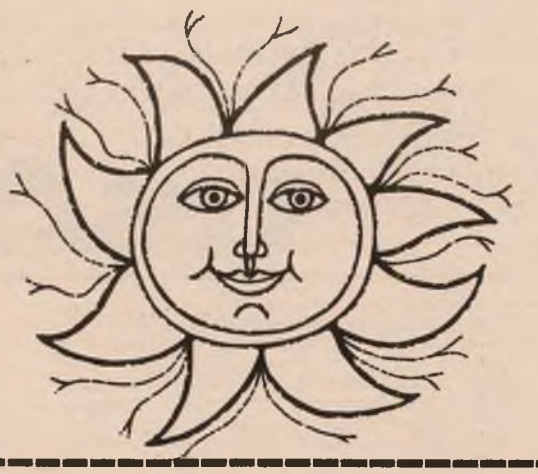
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Energy Tip of the Week

If your refrigerator has an "energy" or "powersaver" switch, set it to "on" so the heating elements in your refrigerator's doors are turned off.

It may seem strange that a refrigerator would have small heating elements in the doors but many manufacturers place them there to heat up the outside of the refrigerator so moisture will not condense (and owners will not complain about their sweaty refrigerators).

This is not a problem in the Bay Area so turn this feature off if you can. It doesn't make sense to heat a device that's purpose is to keep things cool!



CPO Job Openings

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Budget Assistant: 191-89(DR), GS-561-5/6, closes Feb. 13.
Computer Assistant (typing): 192-89 (DR), GS-335-5/6, closes Feb. 13.
Budget Assistant: 193-89(DR), GS-561-5/6, closed Feb. 13.
Military Personnel Technician: 194-89(DR), GS-204-7, closes Feb. 13.
Secretary (typing): 195-89(DR), GS-318-6, open until filled.
Illustrator: 196-89(DR), GS-1020-5/7, closes Feb. 14.
Lead Sales Store Checker: 197-89(EW), GS-2019-4, closes Feb. 14.
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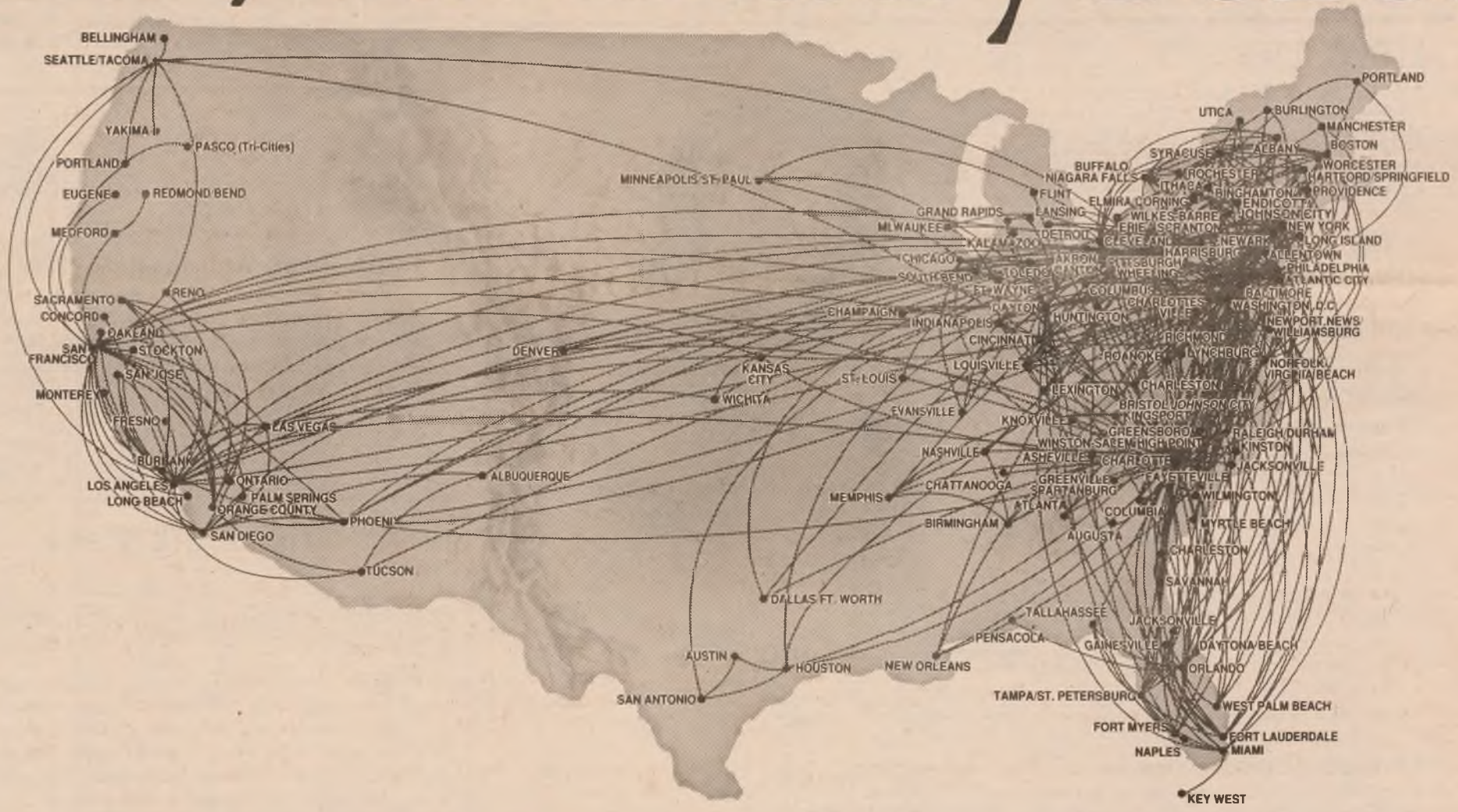
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NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.16 an hour; and NA-7408-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call;
Recreation Aide (Bingo): PS-189-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
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Recreation Aide: PS-189-03, $5.89 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-03, $6.53 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
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Soldiers and Civvies

February named as Black History Month

by Pleasant Lindsey III and Joel P. Smith

What do Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Jackson and Andrew Young have in common in their personal histories? "Church," according to the post's Equal Opportunity Program manager.

"It's very deviant to find any black leader who wasn't heavily influenced by the church," said Angela Love.

She believes that is why the Department of Defense chose to highlight religion during February—Black History Month. The theme for the annual celebration is "The Role of Afro-American Churches in Economic, Political and Social Development."

Love said blacks who've drawn on the church for "nurturing" were sheltered, in the church community, from race barriers. This, she said, built self-confidence in a race that was denied success in society as a whole.

"Through that institution you didn't feel inhibited," said Love, who also grew up attending an all-black church. "You saw blacks **doing things** and being rewarded for it—making public speeches, leading the community."

In keeping with the theme, the EO office will offer a series of lectures and public displays, throughout the month, on the Afro-American church. Future *Star Presidians* will have details.

But while church may have been a foundation for many black leaders; for some blacks the key to success was unflagging determination. Among the best-known are Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington and Crispus Attucks.

But other, less prominent examples abound. Here are some of the inventors, educators and other important Americans who broke through race barriers early in our country's history.

Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887)

Rainey was the first black to serve in the House of Representatives, elected in 1870 to the 41st Congress. From his seat in the first district of South Carolina, he fought from **within** the system to erase discrimination against blacks.

He led one of the country's first sit-ins, protesting the "Whites Only" practices in the South, when he refused to leave the dining room of a public hotel in Virginia. He was ejected by the management.

Rainey served until 1879, during which time he became the first black to preside over the House in the course of a debate.

Hiram R. Revels (1827-1901)

The first black United States Senator, Revels was born free in North Carolina and attended college in Illinois. Later he was ordained in the



African Methodist Episcopal ministry in 1845. During the Civil War he helped organize two black regiments.

Mississippi was readmitted to the Union in 1870 and Revels was elected as a compromise candidate. His first speech focused on two themes: rights of blacks and whether Georgia should be readmitted to the Union.

Serving one year, he fought for improved race relations, economic recovery in Mississippi and the integration of Washington D.C.'s school system.

Though he didn't run for reelection, Revels did become the first president of Alcorn College in Mississippi.

Shirley Chisholm

By winning 75 percent of the electoral votes, Chisholm, of Brooklyn, N.Y., became our first black Congresswoman in 1968.

Beating opponent James Farmer for a seat in the newly created Bedford-Stuyvesant 12th district, she developed an appetite for political success. In 1976, she became the first black to actively campaign for the presidency of the United States.

Granville T. Woods (?-1910)

Woods patented more than 50 electrical inventions, including a steam boiler furnace and transmitters for sending messages between moving trains.

He patented 15 inventions for electric railroads, and created an automatic airbrake.

General Electric Company of New York, Westinghouse Airbrake Company of Pennsylvania and the American Bell Telephone Company all used Woods' creations.

Lewis Howard Latimer (1848-1928)

Alexander Graham Bell relied on Latimer to help him prepare telephone patents. Latimer made the drawings for the first phone and later worked as General Electric's chief draftsman. He held the same position, for a time, at Westinghouse.

Latimer invented the first incandescent light bulb with a carbon filament *and* designed the light plants that manufactured the bulbs.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams (1856-1931)

Firsts are what Williams was all about. He pioneered the first training programs for black nurses; was instrumental in creating Provident Hospital of Chicago, the world's first interracial hospital; was the first black on the Illinois State Board of Health; was the first vice president of the National Medical Association.

Perhaps most notably, Williams performed the world's first successful heart operation on July 9, 1893. That night, a man suffering from stab wounds was rushed to Provident Hospital where Williams labored to save his life.

Williams opened the chest, drained the wound of excess blood and closed the heart wounds. The next day, Williams' name was known throughout the world.

Maggie L. Walker

The first black bank president in America was, at the time, also the only woman bank president in the country. Walker founded the Saint Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond, Va.

The bank was incorporated on July 18, 1903, and was started with only $25,000.

12-state conference trains public affairs specialists

More than 125 members of the Army's public affairs program converged on South San Francisco Jan. 27 to reinforce and broaden their public affairs skills at the Sixth United States Army's annual public affairs school.

"This two-day session gave everyone a chance to respsond to crisis situations with the leisure of reviewing our mistakes," said Tom MacKenzie, from Presidio Garrison's Media Relations branch. "We did it again and again until we got it right."

Army National Guardsmen and Reservists from the 12 western states and Hawaii joined their Bay Area counterparts in two days of intensive training given by instructors from the Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Why is public affairs training important?

"Accidents will happen," said Doug MaKitten, chief, Community Relations Branch, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office. "This type of training helps prepare you for real life situations. A public affairs spokesman won't have time to learn how to give a briefing when the media arrives—he or she must already know how to handle tough situations and still be able to quickly and accurately inform the public."

Public Affairs representatives are responsible for telling the Army story. They are charged with keeping the commander informed of events that affect soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and retirees in their area; keeping soldiers and family members informed of events that affect their quality of life; and working with the civilian news media.

During the school, attendees bolstered their interviewing skills and news briefing techniques under the watchful eye of the ever-present video camera. This technique allowed them to learn how to quickly and accurately get information to the public.

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Lifestyle

USO to celebrate 48th anniversary

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Where can soldiers and their families be given complimentary tickets to a new-wave club one night and the ballet the next? The post USO is proud to offer just that opportunity to interested Presidians.

In the last three months, more than $18,000 in free tickets have been donated to the USO for distrubution here. Soldiers have been treated to magicians, fairs and plays through the generosity of the Bay Area community and the efforts of Ruth Ann Dorsey. Dorsey, who is director of the USO here, spends time gathering suggestions from Presidians as to the type of entertainment they'd like to see. After that she doggedly pursues producers and managers to donate tickets.

"Traditionally, people have donated tickets to the USO. I guess it started during war time when there were a lot of GIs around; they didn't have money or anything to do. So they'd give them tickets as a patriotic gesture...it just kept going and I'm glad," said Dorsey.

Even though the USO conjures up visions of Bob Hope and entertainment, Dorsey stresses that the USO has changed. According to her, it has become a service organization in order to fill the needs of the military today.

One example of how the USO serves the Army community locally is Dorsey's Job Search program. She writes letters to more than 500 Bay Area employers each year asking for job listings to post for military family members. She's been so successful that "at the beginning of the week I had more jobs than people looking for them," Dorsey said. She has also made up a list of job "hot lines" in the area. Family members can use this list to keep track of openings without ever leaving post.

From Bob Hope and showgirls to the workaday world of job hunting; the USO has come along way since its creation in 1941. This week the USO celebrates its 48th birthday. And while funding has always been a problem for the USO since it receives no government support, the organization remains committed to helping servicemembers. That help used to take the form of coffee and donuts, now its jobs; but according to Dorsey, the feeling of goodwill seems to remain the same.

If you want to know more about the USO on post, call Dorsey at **561-2436** or visit the basement of bldg. 223. The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



photo courtesy Presidio USO

Sailors aboard a carrier line up to honor the USO in the 1950s.

CHAMPUS benefits change for California residents

by Harry Church

This is the final article in a series about the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI). There have been major changes in CHAMPUS benefits in California and Hawaii. If you have questions or require unit briefing, call the Letterman CHAMPUS Service Center at **561-0650** (on post dial "9" first). The next public CRI briefings at LAMC will be held in Torney Hall today and Feb. 16 at noon.

Q. Am I eligible for CHAMPUS Prime?

A. If you live within the Service Area where CHAMPUS Prime is offered, and are eligible for Standard CHAMPUS, you are eligible for the CHAMPUS Prime program.

Q. What if I'm already being treated for a medical condition when I join CHAMPUS Prime? Can I continue to receive treatment for a medical condition when I join CHAMPUS Prime? Can I continue to receive treatment and still be covered under the program?

A. Medical conditions covered by the Standard CHAMPUS program are also covered by CHAMPUS Prime, although only when CHAMPUS Prime and Extra providers are used for care.

Q. What if I don't want to use the providers listed in the CHAMPUS Prime and Extra Providers Directory?

A. To receive the benefits of CHAMPUS Prime, you're required to use participating providers. If you're enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime and receive treatment from providers other than those in the directory, you'll be responsible for paying the bill for your treatment.

The only exceptions are for bona-fide emergency conditions, or, in rare cases, when prior authorization for nonparticipating provider services has been granted by the Health Care Finder.

Q. I already have a family doctor and he's not on the list of physicians participating in the program. Can this doctor still treat me if I'm enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime?

A. If your current physician is part of the CHAMPUS Prime and Extra provider network, you may continue treatment with him or her. If not, he or she may wish to become one of the participating providers. Otherwise, it may not be appropriate for you to join CHAMPUS Prime, as services from this provider will not be covered.

Q. Can I enroll in CHAMPUS Prime if I already have other health care coverage?

A. Enrolling in CHAMPUS Prime might be of little or no benefit to you if you have other coverage. This is because CHAMPUS Prime will only pay for your primary health care coverage. And, because CHAMPUS Prime's allowable charges are reduced, it would be unlikely that any secondary payments would apply.

Q. Should I drop my other health care coverage and switch to CHAMPUS Prime?

A. You must be very careful about dropping your current health care coverage. The CHAMPUS Reform Initiative program is, at this point, only a demonstration program. Although the program is funded to run a maximum of five years, it could be discontinued with only six months' notice by the Department of Defense.

If you drop your current insurance coverage, you may find restrictions when you try to re-enroll. For example, certain "pre-existing conditions" may not be covered by your private insurance plan once you re-enroll. Also, health screening may be used to prevent re-enrollment.

Q. What if I decide I don't want to stay in CHAMPUS Prime, and want to change back to my former health insurance plan?

A. When you join CHAMPUS Prime, you're required to remain in the program for 12 consecutive months. After 12 months, you may disenroll from CHAMPUS Prime and return to Standard CHAMPUS.

Q. What if I leave the United States for a short time, say for a vacation? Can I get treatment outside the country under CHAMPUS Prime?

A. In a real emergency or when care has already been approved by the Health Care Finder, CHAMPUS Prime will cover treatment outside of the U.S. or the CHAMPUS Prime Service Area.

Q. Can I stay enrolled in CHAMPUS Prime if I move to another area?

A. If your new home is in a CHAMPUS Prime area, you may stay enrolled.

Q. What if I leave the area temporarily, say for three or four months? Will CHAMPUS Prime still cover me?

A. If you move permanently, you will be disenrolled. If your move is temporary, you will stay enrolled, but only emergency or preauthorized services will be covered while you are out of the area.

Q. Where can I sign up?

A. The CHAMPUS Prime program is scheduled to start in the Bay Area during the spring of 1989. You can request enrollment information by calling or visiting the CHAMPUS Service Center located in room 355 of the Letterman Army Medical Center.

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Sports

Men's three-on-three basketball heats up

story and photo by Steve Morey

Logistics dominated the boards and turned pinpoint passes into easy layups to defeat Co. B, LAMC, 21-9, in the post's Intramural Men's Three-on-three Basketball League Jan. 26 in Gym No. 1.

Paul Anderson and Tyrone Turner combined for all of Logistics' points while "garbage man" Mark Cantley handled the rebounding and passing chores.

The win kept Logistics undefeated, 3-0, in the Over-30 league, while Co. B, LAMC, fell to 4-1.

The noontime, half-court contest between the teams was led by Logistics from the start. And with early leads of 4-2, 8-3 and 11-5, the Logistics squad never looked back.

Turner (13 points, including two "2-pointers") and Anderson eight buckets, including three free throws) mixed long jumpers with driving layups, usually after a Cantley dish off.

My job is to take the [opponent's] hot shooter, try to shut him down," said Cantley, "and let Tyrone and Paul handle the scoring.

"I'm the team's 'garbage man,'" admitted the over-6-foot tall player.

Any missed shots by the champs usually were tipped in by the Logistics' scorers, or rebounded by Cantley and passed to the perimeter for a jumper.

"In three-on-three [basketball], it's basically a pick-and-roll game. We try to get as close to the basket as possible for our shots," explained Turner.

"This forces the defense to move in—then we get the jumpers from the outside."

LAMC made a run at Logistics after a "2-point" bomb by Larry Hammerbacher fell through the net, making it 12-9, Logistics.

(Three-on-three baskets are each one point; but, outside what normally is the "three-point" line, counts as two points in the half-court game.

The first team to score 21 points wins; or the team leading after 30 minutes of continuous time, wins.)

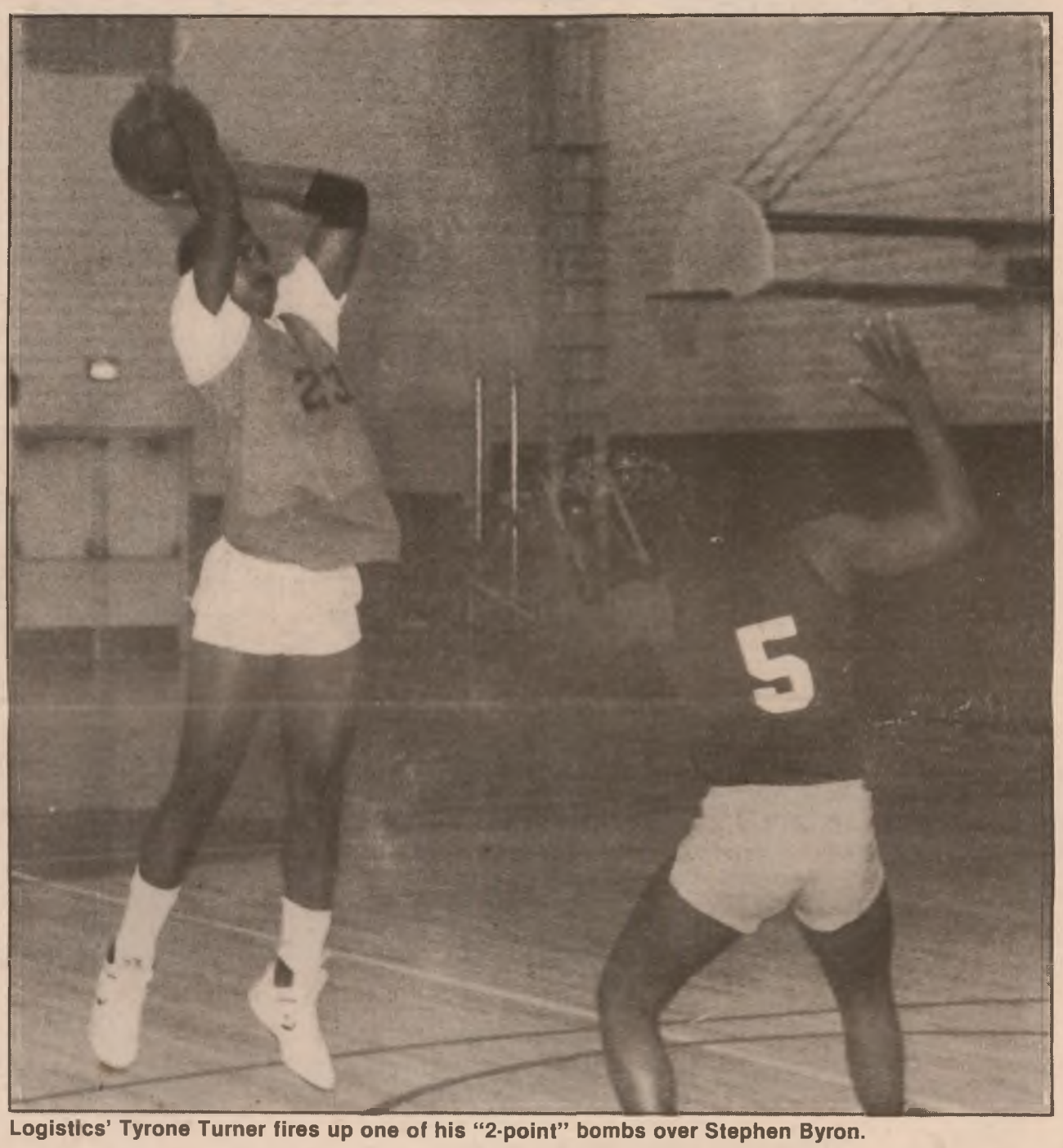
Logistics scored the final nine baskets, shutting down a hustling, but over-matched and out-sized, LAMC trio.

"I could tell from the start we were stronger and quicker [than Co. B, LAMC]," said Turner, "and we reacted to the ball better."

"There aren't too many teams in the league that can stop us," challenged Turner. "I see us finishing first or second—third, the lowest."

Co. B, LAMC's balanced offense was led by Hammerbacher with three; Mike Brennand, Robert Settle and Stephen Byron each added two points.

As for pointless Cantley, the self-proclaimed "garbage man," he said his job isn't glamorous; but it's the team effort that counts.



Logistics' Tyrone Turner fires up one of his "2-point" bombs over Stephen Byron.

Sports Notes

All-Army basketball trial camp

Twenty-five basketball players form around the world are taking part in two daily workouts at the Presidio. They are trying to win one of 12 positions to represent the Army in the Armed Forces Basketball Championship, March 11 to 16 on post.

To help the coaching staff select the All-Army Team, the Presidio will host the 4th Annual All-Army Basketball Invitational Tournament on Feb. 11 and 12. Competing teams will include the All-Navy Team and some of the top semi-pro teams in northern California. All games will be played in Post Gym No. 2 and admission is free.

Sunday at 1 p.m., the All-Army Team will play New College of California at the main post gym. Come out and support the All-Army Team!

Three-on-three basketball

Full-court standings

(as of Jan. 26)

Co.A , LAMC	3-0
USAG	2-0
Co. B, LAMC	2-0
DOL	2-1
LAIR	2-1
LEC	1-1
Veterans Hospital	1-2
USAISC	1-2
Co. C, 864th Engineers	0-2
Sixth Army	0-2
MI Battalion	0-3

Half-court standings

(as of Jan. 26)

89ers	5-0
Logistics	3-0
DCSOPS	2-0
Co. B, LAMC	4-1
DCSPER	3-1
Staff Judge Advocate	3-1
MI Battalion	2-1
LAMC No. 2	2-2
Veterans Hospital	2-2
USAISC	1-9 (dropped from league)
Sixth Army	0-10 (dropped from league)

Last week's results

Full court

Co. A, LAMC vs. USAISC, 64-40;
LAIR vs. MI Bn, 54-43;
DOL vs. Co. C, 864th Engineers, 71-41;
USAG vs. VA Hospital, 71-23;
LEC vs. USAISC, 2-0 (forfeit);
LAIR vs. Sixth Army, 45-35;
Co. A, LAMC vs. DOL, 53-38; and
VA Hospital vs. MI Bn, 43-40.

Half court

89ers vs. SJA, 21-15;
Logistics vs. MI Bn, 21-3;
SJA vs. LAMC No. 2, 21-10; and
Logistics vs. Co. B, LAMC, 21-9.

Gym closures

The basketball court and weight room in Gym No. 1 will be closed Sunday, from 8 a.m. to noon. These areas are being used to test Air Force Academy candidates. These rooms will be reopened after the tests.

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AUSA symposium

AUSA is holding a symposium Feb. 23 and 24 in San Jose. Civilian executives and top Army leaders will be exchanging views on what the modern Army has and desires. "Army 2001," will emphasize technological goods and services ranging from armaments to electronics to vehicles.

Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Presidio's installation commander, will deliver the opening remarks.

For details about the symposium, call the executive director, Lt. Col. Jim Duffy, at **(408) 452-2141.**

Arts and Crafts

Framing sale. NOW through tomorrow get **25 percent off** all molding for any custom framing orders.

Glass jewelry. Need some new earrings? In a two-week class you can make up to 50 pair! The class is held Saturdays (Feb. 4 and 11), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For $12, all supplies are covered for the first session, and second session supplies will be about $10.

Beginning photo. Bring your camera to the first class! Classes will be held every week for six weeks, Tuesday through March 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday. A $35 fee covers all photo paper, chemicals and a special photo field trip.

The field trip will be Feb. 11, and transporation will be provided.

Cross-stitch get-together. The Arts and Crafts staff thought all the cross-stitchers on post might like to get together. So the first meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. Bring your patterns and projects in progress, and enjoy the refreshments.

Wood safety mini-class. This FREE class is required for anyone who wants to work with wood, but doesn't have a wood qualification card.

The class is offered the first Saturday of each month (from 11 a.m. to noon) and the second, third and fourth Thursdays of each month (from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.).

Wood workshop (whirligig). For those who would like to learn how to make a whirligig, go by the Presidio Arts Center Feb. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. No experience is necessary. All supplies except paint are provided for a $15 fee. The class is limited to 15 people.

Beginning wood. This is a five-week class taught Wednesdays from Feb. 15 to March 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. The class cost is $12, in addition to the cost of materials.

Stained glass. This class will be held every Thursday for six weeks from Feb. 16 through March 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The $30 fee covers the cost of all the lead, solder, flux and assembly supplies. Glass will cost another $20 to $30.

Pottery. A six-week class will be held every Friday from Feb. 17 through March 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is $15 plus another $15 for basic clay, tools and colorants.

Ceramic jewelry. The three-week class is held Tuesdays, Feb. 21 through March 7 and March 14 through 28. The class is held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and $15 covers the cost of clay. Tools will be provided.

Children's photo workshop. Children ages 6 and older will learn how to make photograms. The class will be held Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, and will cost only $6. All supplies will be provided.

Kid's 'Rad-Dep-Cool' sneaker/high-top painting. Looks like Feb. 25 is kids'day at the Presidio Arts Center! This is also the day for the 'Rad-Dep-Cool' sneaker/high-top painting class (from 9:30 a.m. to noon) which is limited to 10 people; age 7 and older. The class fee is $8.

Ceramics workshop. Learn how to make a 12-inch ceramic picture frame. The class will be Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon and will cost only $10. All supplies will be included and no experience is necessary.

Photo sepia toning. Now that the photo lab is open again, bring in your photos for antiquing.

The class will be held March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a $5 fee which includes the sepia toner. No experience is necesary to take this class!



Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice

Pinocchio will be appearing at the Cow Palace in Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice. Tickets are available at ITT, bldg. 215, or the USO, bldg. 223.

Flea Market and Thrift Shop

This month's Flea Market will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table, valid military ID card and rent a space for $5. Reservists can rent a space when they show a valid ID plus a current leave and earning statement.

Want to get out of the house? Become a volunteer at the Thrift Shop. The shop will pay your bridge tolls and child care. Call **922-3384** to get details.

Discount coupons at USO

The USO has 50 passes for Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice. A pass plus $4 will get you in to the following performances: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m.; Feb. 13, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Oakland Coliseum and Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Cow Palace. The USO is in the basement of bldg. 223 and is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATO travel

Any Presidians interested in a cruise to Alaska, Mexico, Hawaii or a tour to anywhere in the world, come by SATO Travel's Leisure Office in bldg. 215 for a short audio-visual presentation of what SATO Travel can offer you. This offer applies to all active duty, retired soldiers and civilians.

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ITT news

Kick off your spring with an ITT trip. The Whale Watching tour to Half Moon Bay is scheduled for Feb. 26 and the cost is $30 a person. You must sign up with a small deposit by Feb. 10 to reserve your space.

Tickets going fast to Magic Kingdom on Ice. Pinocchio will be appearing in person at the Cow Palace in Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice. Tickets are available at ITT, for the Feb. 18 noon performance. The cost for these tickets is $9.50, reduced from $11.50.

Last Chance to order Entertainment '89. This is your last chance to buy the *Entertainment '89* book. Sales will end tomorrow so don't miss out on this money-saving offer. Call ITT at **561-3992** or visit bldg. 215 today!

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Feb. 2: Rambo III (R), 7 p.m. Sylvester Stallone. Action and excitement prevail as Rambo heads up a another dangerous mission in war-torn Afghanistan.

Fri, Feb. 3: Rambo III (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 4: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG), 7 p.m. Steve Martin, Michael Caine. A conman and a bumbling American bilk women out of their money on the French Riviera.

Sun, Feb. 5: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 6: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 7: Tucker (PG), 7 p.m. Jeff Bridges, Joan Allen. Innovative Preston Tucker invents a "car of tomorrow" but is run out of business by the industry.

Wed, Feb. 8: A Fish Called Wanda (R), 7 p.m. Jamie Lee Curtis, John Cleese. Five wacky characters try to recover a fortune in stolen loot.

Thu, Feb. 9: Hellbound: Hellraiser II (R), 7 p.m. Clare Higgins, Ashley Laurence. A psychotic psychiatrist tries to open the doors to sinful pleasure and hellish pain.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Feb. 3	**License to Drive (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
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Base closure update

Sixth Army initiates short-, long-term closure plans

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Sixth U.S. Army is making plans to terminate operations at the Presidio should Congress decide to accept the list of bases nominated for closure. That doesn't mean the base is being closed, rather that the post is preparing for the situation *in case* it happens.

Post has formed a base closure team with three full-time members, two from the Headquarters Garrison and one from Sixth Army, plus part-time members representing the post's tenant units.

The team is being used to gather data to develop short- and long-range plans for closing the base, should Congress allow present legislation to stand.

Congress won't make any decisions about closing military facilities until after March 1. At that time, it will have 45 legislative days to approve or reject the entire list of base closure recommendations. A **majority** vote in *both* the House of Representatives and the Senate is necessary for Congress to veto the list.

"We are planning for the total closure of the post," said Col. William D. Swift, assistant chief of staff, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army. "This doesn't mean that all tenants will leave at once—if at all—but it gives us a point to focus our planning."

"If we plan for the worst case, we can always backtrack," Swift said.

Swift said the team has set "milestones," or target dates, throughout the planning process to gather as much data as possible about the post and the costs of closure. He said examples of such data include the number and type of employees, as well as the square footage of usable space on the post.

The team will use bldg. 35 to conduct their research. However, employees on post shouldn't rush out to find new jobs just yet.

Should Congress approve the list, formal closing actions can't begin until Jan. 1, 1990. The earliest a base could actually close is Sept. 30, 1991, and the latest would be Sept. 30, 1995. That gives the Presidio as much as 18 months to work out a plan for closure—*if* the base has to close.

"Facilities have to open up, or be constructed, to allow units to move to new locations," Swift explained. "When a unit leaves one location, room has to be made for it in a new location."

And, even if the Presidio should have to close, the closure team would have to determine the order in which activities would leave.

"Some elements could be here until 1995, depending on their value to the walfare of the post," Swift said.

For now, Swift said, employees should continue supporting the post.

"We want employees to keep a positive attitude about working on the post, and keep supporting their units," Swift said. "There is still plenty of time for employees to make decisions."

The base hasn't been declared closed yet; however, Swift suggested that Presidians should monitor the news stories concerning base closures.

"We are not going to keep any closure information from our people."

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Bowling Center opens!

photo by Steve Morey

The newly completed $2.2 million Presidio Bowling Center, which opened Feb. 1, will have its *grand opening* ceremonies Wednesday at 11 a.m. Maj. Gen. Todd P. Graham, Deputy Commander of the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army, will officiate the ribbon-cutting event. Sixth U.S. Army Band will provide entertainment for all Presidians, civilian and military. The 12-lane facility, which houses a snack bar and a pro shop, also has overhead electronic scorers that double as video playback screens.

Voices

'Triple Nickels': Army's first black airborne company

by Rudi Williams

When the Army was forming its elite 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, the rule was "whites only." Blacks allegedly "couldn't handle" the tough training and didn't have enough "guts" to jump out of airplanes.

But there was one man who knew that black soldiers could do just as well as whites and decided to prove it. The year was 1944.

"Since we were in the vicinity, I decided we would emulate the white paratroopers," said Walter Morris, who was first sergeant of the black service company. "We observed them when they did their calisthenics and double-timed everywhere they went. So we copied some of the things they were doing. But we didn't have any paratrooper boots.

"We caught the attention of the general (Lt. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, who commanded the parachute school) when he was making an inspection," said Morris, who is retired from the construction business in New York and now lives with his wife in Palm Coast, Fla. "He was impressed when he saw us doing our calisthenics. We were showing off to show him that we could do as well as the white paratroopers."

Not long after the calisthenics demonstration, Gaither summoned Morris to his office. "He let me know that President (Franklin Delano) Roosevelt had ordered Gen. (George C.) Marshall to form an all-black paratrooper unit. The decision was made in response to complaints by A. Philip Randolph, organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and president of the National Negro Congress, and the black press," said Morris. "Blacks were asking,'Why can't we have black paratroopers, too?' "

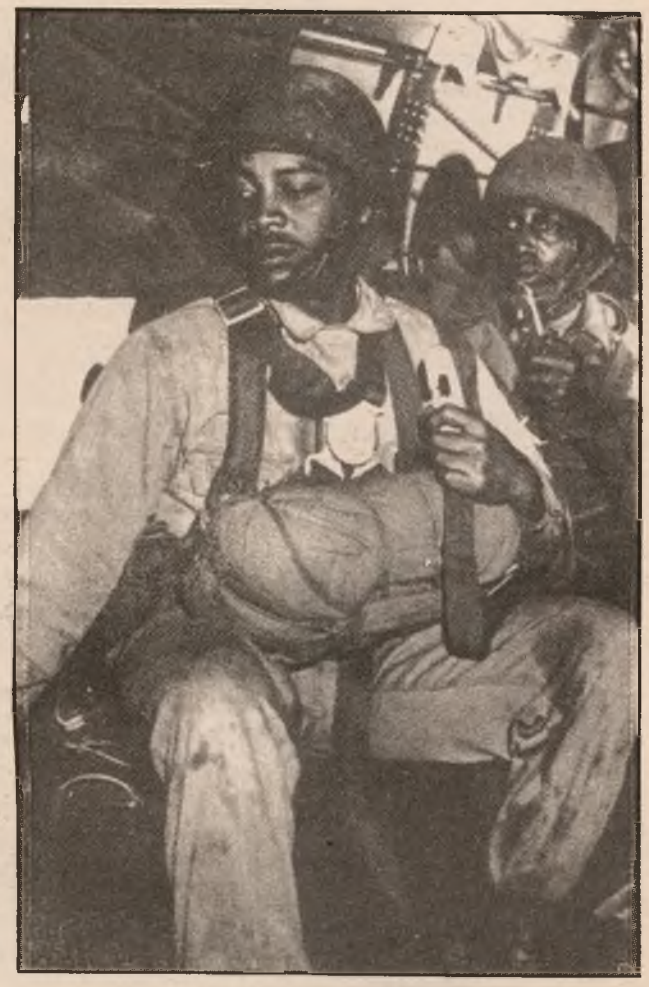
Morris' efforts toward black soldiers proving their mettle paid off. "Gen. Gaither selected me as the first sergeant and the first black paratrooper in the first all-black paratrooper company in American history," said Morris. That was the 555th Parachute Infantry Company.

"I then waited until a cadre was brought in from the 92nd Infantry Division at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.," said Morris. "There were originally 20 of us, but only 16 graduated from the jump training; two didn't make it for medical reasons, one had a death in the family, and the fourth one just couldn't jump. Since we needed cooks and he was one, we decided to let him stay. But he wasn't on jump status.

"Of course, all of the instructors were white," said Morris. "Being a paratrooper was a big thing at that time, and there weren't a heck of a lot of whites jumping out of airplanes. We got along pretty well with the white troopers. The only problem we had was that the entire post at Fort Benning, Ga., both officers and enlisted, were making bets that we wouldn't jump—we'd be too afraid. The thing that inspired us was that this was the only black combat outfit then, and it was an opportunity for black troops to enter something they could be proud of."

It was a grueling, exhausting four weeks of training for the black paratrooper pioneers—push-ups, sit-ups, running, push-ups, sit-ups, running—from morning 'til night the first week. The second week had more calisthenics and an introduction to the 35-foot jump tower. The third week had the 250-foot tower. The fourth week was packing and repacking parachutes and jumping every day, ending with a

please see Triple Nickels, page 3



Armed Forces Information Service photo

Triple Nickels aboard a C-47 airplane head for a forest fire in the western United States.

Ramblin' Sam

"What can the post do to save energy?"



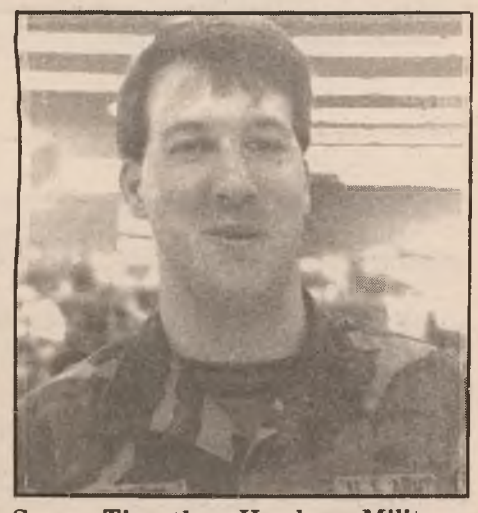
Kathy Sigman, military family member: "Well, they've already turned out most of the lights on the roads at night. It's awfully dark on the back roads now. I was thinking maybe they could use *more* energy."



PFC. Mark Douglas, tactical communications operator/mechanic, Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion: "Cut down on use of electricity in the barracks. Some people will stick three or four things in one outlet. That causes power outages about three times a month."



Capt. Erica Bruckner, ward nurse, LAMC: "Simple things like conserving electricity in the kitchen; run a full dishwasher rather than one half full. You can also take showers together to conserve water use. [How many at a time?] Whatever's comfortable.



Spec. Timothy Hendry, Military Police, Provost Marshal's Office, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Other posts have a lot of signs in buildings to turn lights off when rooms aren't in use. We don't seem to have too many. Another thing is that at the hospital, whole floors are sometimes empty and the lights are left on. Ward 10 West sticks out in my mind because it's closed, yet all the lights are still on."

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night jump on Friday. Saturday was graduation day when they received their silver airborne wings.

After the first class graduated, the white cadre troopers returned to Fort Huachuca, and the graduating class became the cadre. "When we graduated, the word went out that the Army was accepting volunteers for an all-black parachute battalion, and we got applications from everywhere—overseas and all over the states," said Morris.

Seven black officers were brought in. Each platoon had two officers. Gaither had a big surprise for Morris after the first class completed the course. The 555th Parachute Company was going to become the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, and the outfit needed an adjutant.

"Gen. Gaither said, 'I want you to go to OCS (officer candidate school) because we're going to have a battalion,' Morris recalls. "So I went to OCS at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in April 1944 and graduated that June. I was then reassigned to the 555th, which had been relocated to Camp Mackall, N.C., adjacent to Fort Bragg.

"When Gen. Gavin (Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division) saw the conditions in which we were training and living back in the woods, he integrated the black and white paratroopers," Morris said. "This was long before President (Harry S.) Truman signed the order to integrate the military services.

"Once we graduated, we started combat training preparing troops to go overseas," said Morris. But the black paratroopers never set sail for the war in Europe. Instead, they were sent to fight forest fires started by Japanese incendiary balloons on the West Coast—from California to Arizona.

The Triple Nickels earned a new nickname, "Smoke Jumpers," for their ability to leap into smoke-filled clearings. They racked up 36 fire-fighting missions, making more than 1,000 individual jumps into burning forests. For this they earned another nickname, "Black Panthers."

The 555th Parachute Battalion was redesignated the 3rd Battalion, 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, and became a part of the 82nd Airborne Division. Former members of the first black paratroopers joined the all-black 2nd Airborne Ranger Company at Fort Bragg and saw action in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division. That company was later attached to the 187th Regimental Combat Team and made two jumps in Korea. The unit received a bronze arrowhead for its parachute assault at Munsan-ni and several other awards.

Armed Forces Information Service

Black History activities on post

Tomorrow: African art will be exhibited by Leonette Leavell at 6 p.m. at the Log Cabin, bldg.1299.



Tuesday: A special lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at bldg. 101-B, the Company C, 864th Engineer Dining Facility.

Feb. 7: Air Force Col. Bennie J. Wilson III will speak at an NCO Club luncheon. The menu includes fried chicken mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed green salad, and coffee or tea. Performing at the luncheon will be the Sixth U.S. Army Band Jazz Cor . Cost is $7 a person.

Feb. 24: A panel discussion will be held in the Sixth U.S. Army Command Conference Facility, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Proposed members included Ann Williams of the Civilian Personnel Directorate; Gloria Hartsough, with the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities; Chaplain (Maj.) Grant McAllister and SGM Patton, with the office of the Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics.

Feb. 26: Letterman Army Medical Center will host a variety show at the NCO Club from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

CPO Job Openings

Computer Assistant: 200-89(EW), GS-335-7, closes Feb. 17.
Plumber: 201-89(MS), WG-4206-9, closes Feb. 17.
Warehouse Worker (forklift operator): 202-89(GC), WG-6907-6, closes Feb. 17.
Warehouse Worker (forklift operator): 203-89(GC), WG-6907-5, closes Feb. 17.
Physical Science Technician: 204-89(MG), GS-1311-7/9, closes Feb. 17.
Management Analyst: 205-89(MG), GS-343-5/7/9, closes Feb. 17.
Mobile Equipment: 207-89(DR), WG-5806-6, closes Feb. 17.
Budget Assistant (typing): 208-89(DR), GS-561-4/5, closes Feb. 17.
Public Affairs Assistant (typing): 209-89(DR), GS-1001-5/6, closes Feb. 20.
Computer Systems Programmer: 210-89(MG), GS-334-5/7/9/11, closes Feb. 20.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at 561-5732, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.16 an hour; and NA-7408-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
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Recreation Aide: PS-189-03, $5.89 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-03, $6.53 an hour, intermittent on-call.
Clerk Typist: As-322-04, $6.40 an hour, regular, full-time.
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Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call 561-5095 or 561-2947.

News Briefs

Commissary closed

The post commissary will be closed Feb. 21 for the observance of President's Day.

DEH 'paints the town'

Directorate of Engineering and Housing workers are currently marking subsurface utility line locations on pavement and ground surfaces. Each type of utility (gas, electric and water) will receive a different type of painted symbol within the next two months.

DEH asks all Presidians to help keep children from writing on or disfiguring the markings in any manner.

The symbols will be photographed from an airplane and matched with land survey information to generate a computer data base (grid) of subsurface utilities. This computer-aided system accurately records utility locations and is capable of producing plans of utility combinations virtually at any desired scale.

The system can easily be updated and will reduce future construction costs. After the photos are taken, the symbols will be removed by DEH.

Recycling

Recycling for February will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities' groups will be visiting all post housing areas. Please have your newspapers and all-aluminum cans set out by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All profits from recycling go to the groups doing the work.

PX hours

A reminder to Presidians, the main post exchange is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

PSF

Ideas of Excellence Program

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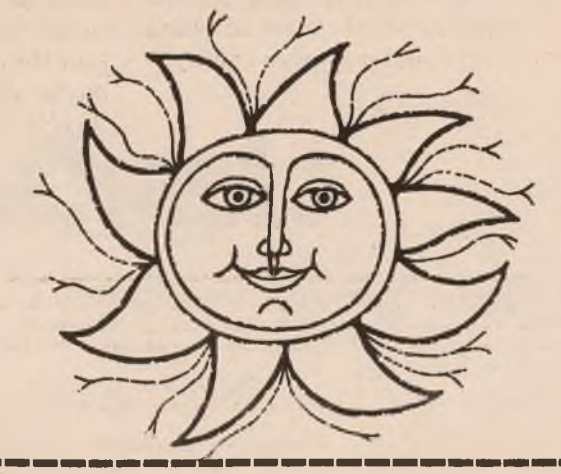
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Energy Tip of the Week

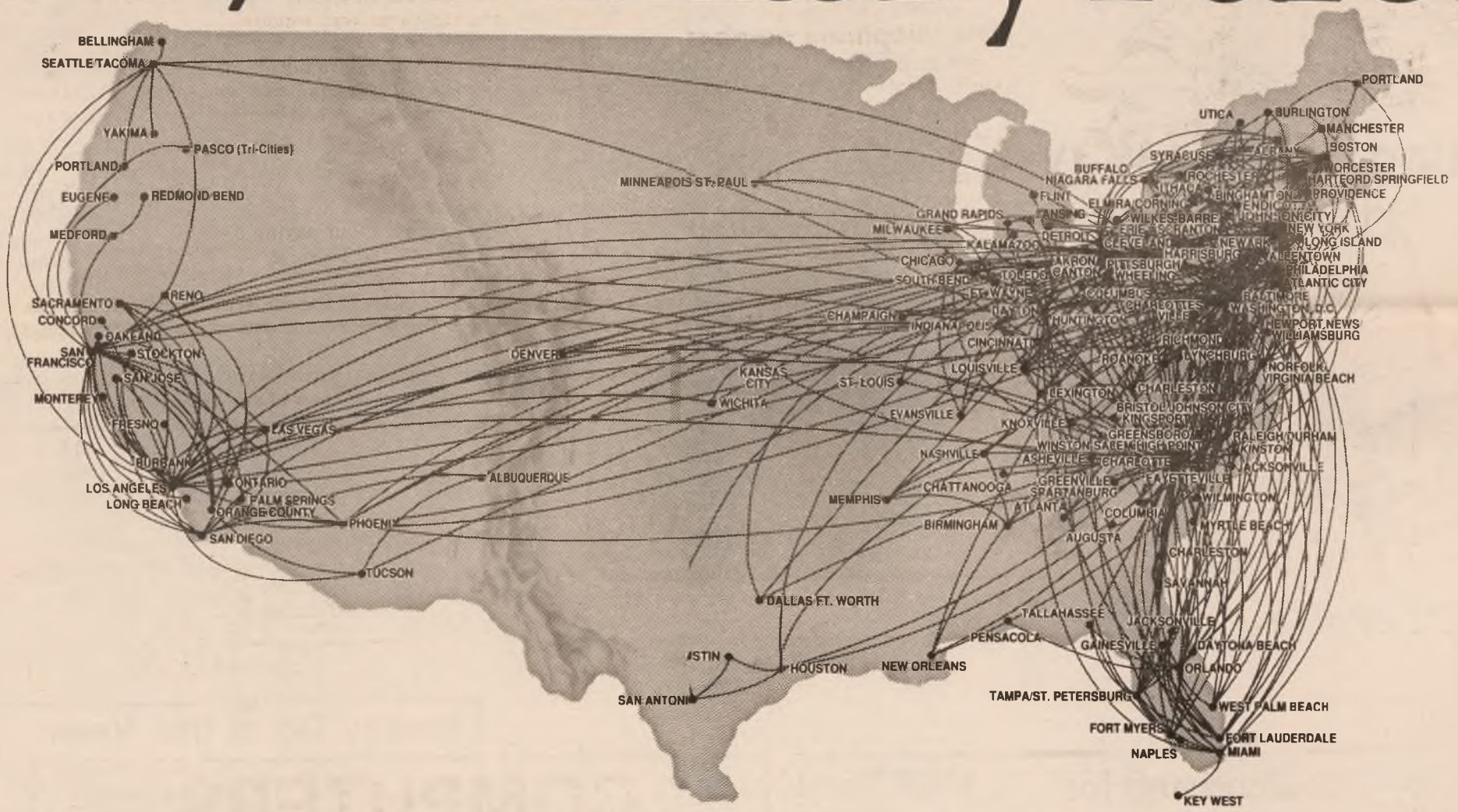
Are you ever the last person out of a room during the day? Did you turn the lights off?

It's a natural habit at the end of the working day; but Presidians might forget that it's not necessary to keep a room lit when no one is there during the day.

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PMO News

MPs make the call: post gets new Crime Line



by Patrick Wilson

Have you seen a crime, or know of someone who has committed a crime? With the new Presidio Crime Line, you can report crime and, if you wish, remain anonymous.

This is how it works: You know of a crime committed on post, or on one of its subinstallations, and it's not an emergency. Pick up a phone and call **561-CRIM(E)**. Listen to the message and wait for the beep. You then have one minute to leave a message. If that is not enough time, call back and repeat the message.

Every morning the recording machine will be checked by a member of the Provost Marshal Office. Each message that pertains to criminal activity will be immediately investigated.

This phone line is for **NON-EMERGENCY** purposes only! If you have witnessed a crime in progress, or you have any other *emergency* situation, call the Military Police Desk at **561-2251; 561-2252; 561-2253;** or **561-5656.**

New telephone number

Starting this month, all incoming phone calls to the Military Police Desk will be recorded to retain all information regarding crimes or emergencies. *This is not related to the Presidio Crime Line.*

What's happening?

The following is a breakdown of eight days of criminal activity on the post:

Jan 21, 12:40 p.m.: A 29-year-old man was apprehended and charged with petty theft/shoplifting. He was observed removing a bottle of orange juice (valued at $1.15) from the commissary without paying for it.

Jan. 22, 3:23 a.m.: An unknown person drove a car into the guardrail on Presidio Boulevard near Rawles Street and then fled the scene.

8:25 a.m.: An unknown person removed a woman's wallet containing $10 and various paperwork from room 907W in Letterman Army Medical Center. The wallet was left unsecured by its owner.

Jan. 23, 6:20 p.m.: A Presidian was nearly run over by a speeding car near Battery Caulfield. Military Police conducted a search of the area and found the car. The vehicle was found to be stolen; and the driver had fled the scene.

2:15 p.m.: An unknown person shattered the rear window of a soldier's car in the Main Post Exchange parking lot.

3:30 p.m.: An unknown person removed a dictionary, Thesaurus and a wrapped gift from room 318 in LAMC. The room was secured at the time.

Jan. 24, 8:10 a.m.: A post soldier was charged with assault. A verbal altercation led to a physical altercation when the soldier struck a civilian.

Jan. 26, 8:19 p.m.: After taking an unknown drug, a soldier stationed at Treasure Island tried to hang himself.

Jan. 27, 10:35 p.m.: An unknown person gained access to a locked locker and removed two diamond rings and a diamond watch. The lock was found to be faulty.

7:20 a.m.: An unknown person(s) vandalized a soldier's car on Quarry Boulevard by breaking out the right rear vent window.

10 a.m.: A post soldier was charged with larceny and dereliction of duty after receiving a piece of military equipment and selling it to a third party. The soldier had been ordered to destroy and dispose of the equipment.

4:31 p.m.: A young man was apprehended and charged with petty theft/shoplifting after he removed a set of headphones from the Main Post Exchange without paying for them.

Jan. 28, 10:10 a.m.: A post solider was charged with drunken driving after he drove his car into a concrete culvert. The car went up the side of a hill, along the southbound side of Lincoln Boulevard adjacent to Park Boulevard.

If you have witnessed any of the above unsolved crimes or know of any other criminal activity, and it is **not** an emergency, call the new Presidio Crime Line: **561-CRIM;** or, if you call from a military phone, **4-CRIM.** Listen to the message and leave your message with as much detail as possible.

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Soldiers and Civvies

Presidians cope with power outages; patience is key

by the Star Presidian staff

An unusual number of power outages and water line breaks have plagued Presidians over the past few months.

On Dec. 13 and 14 hurricane-force winds toppled trees and broke branches across power lines over the entire Bay Area, cutting off electricity to more than 250,000 households. Some Presidio homes and offices were also affected.

Heavy rainstorms just before Christmas knocked out Presidio electrical systems, causing additional power outages. The power outages hampered work at some Presidio offices and closed the bank and post office.

After Christmas the post experienced five major breaks in the post's water distribution system. Causes of the breaks included natural settling of the sandy soil at Forts Cronkhite and Barry following heavy rains and the accidental bulldozing of water lines by contractors.

"The problems of cutting into old water lines is particularly troublesome at the Presidio," said Col. Clifford N. Goff, Directorate of Engineering and Housing director. "The problems are a result of some 200 years of construction at the Presidio, with pipes and lines having been laid on top of one another."

Roots from an old pine tree crushed another water line and a storm sewer in the Crissy Field area. To repair this damage, post engineers made major excavations on the site (as shown in the photo). During the mid-December winds and rain storms, engineers worked around the clock to restore electricity to Presidio residents.

"When power and water outages occur on post, the O and M (Operations and Maintenance) crews work on the problems just as soon as possible," said Richard Hansen, chief of DEH's Operations and Maintenance Division.



photo by Joel P. Smith

Two DEH workers clear a trench for a water pipe near bldg. 908. Joe Oliver, plumber foreman for DEH (left) and George W. Thompson, plumber apprentice, are part of the crew laboring to correct utility problems on post.

"Please be patient when these outages occur," Hansen said. "Our electricians and plumbers often work through the night and during weekends to correct these problems."

Department of Defense budget cuts have reduced his workforce from 300 to 170 over recent years, Hansen said. "We are trying to do better with less. When we encounter multiple-whammies, such as those of the past several months, it takes us a little longer to get all the utilities back into operation.

"Please be patient. We're doing the best we can," he said.

$53,000 saved

Post meets energy goals for 2nd year in row



Spec. Glen J. Wilmes, with Ceremonial Platoon, demonstrates how *not* to save energy for the post this year.

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

The Presidio saved an estimated $53,000 by cutting energy consumption in fiscal year 1988, according to Robert Van de Loo, post energy coordinator.

Not only were energy costs down over 1987, but 1988 also marked the second consecutive year that the post met its energy goals, said Van de Loo.

Van de Loo said he could not explain why consumption was down, but believed it could be that Presidians simply "care more."

He explained, "Presidians have gotten more energy conscious. They've conserved more because they're more concerned."

The savings are reflected in two types of measured energy use, facility energy (electricity and natural gas) and mobility energy (fuels).

Presidio subinstallations and reserve centers, included in the post's energy budget, are also to be lauded for the savings, Van de Loo said. They include Forts Baker, Barry, Cronkhite and Mason, Hamilton Army Airfield, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area and Rio Vista.

The cuts reflect more than just dollar savings, Van de Loo said. "It means that from an energy standpoint, the Presidio is more efficient than last year. It means that people share a sense of responsibility and can be proud of it.

"The world has a finite number of resources and we're using less of them than we used to."

Throughout the year, Van de Loo wrote energy conservation articles for the *Star Presidian*, drove around the post in his own vehicle looking for waste problems (porch lights on during the day, for example), and held seminars on how to save energy. This, he said, was a meager contribution when compared with a concerned public.

Barbara A. Bennett, a mayor's adviser for the post's Community Life Program on post, said the conservation program is desperately needed. "A lot of soldiers think they're not paying the Army's energy bills," she explained.

"They don't understand they **are** paying; they're paying indirectly through taxes."

Bennett believes the mayor's program, using Van de Loo's seminars, builds good conservation practices in Army families. "This is our chance to give a good example to our children. If we don't show them we care about conservation, then they'll grow up not caring about it either."

Van de Loo said the current savings reflect that the Presidio's conservation program works. "People here know they work on an efficient post and are keeping it that way. It's everybody's contribution that helps us save real money."


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Sports

Co. A, LAMC holds off USAG, 55-49, remains unbeaten

story and photo by Steve Morey

First-place Co. A, LAMC, used aggressive rebounding to defeat a late-charging USAG, 55-49, during post Men's Intramural Full-court Basketball League play Feb. 1 in Gym No. 1.

With less than 6:00 left to go in the game and a 100-plus crowd wildly cheering, LAMC threatened to put the game out of reach at 43-37.

However, USAG stormed back with 3-point bombs and a hustling defense to tie the game at 45-45 with 3:15 left.

Said LAMC's Terry Ashley, who scored a game-high 20 points: "Before the game, I was feeling a little anxious about playing Garrison. They always give us a good game."



photo by Steve Morey

LAMC's Rick Acuna (50) and USAG's Scott Moss battle under the boards during the second half.

Power rebounding

On the strength of Ashley's power rebounds and deft, one-hand outside jumpers, LAMC jumped ahead to stay, 49-45, with less than two minutes to play.

"I was worried when [USAG] started their 3-point [scoring] stretch," said a smiling Ashley after the game. "We had them by six points and, all of a sudden, it was tied. If we could've put an anchor on [USAG's Sheldon] Martin, we would have had an easier game."

Martin is USAG's floor leader and one of the team's deadeye 3-point shooters. Down the stretch, Martin sank three while teammate, Tony Leach, hit two bombs.

However, Ashley and Rick Acuna, LAMC's inside big men, answered with "the right-place-at-the-right-time" rebounds—and easy layups. Acuna, who scored 14 points on the game, added line drive passes to teammates sitting under the basket.

One of those passes ended up in the hands of LAMC's Philander Smith, who laid it in with less than a minute on the clock.

At that point, LAMC led 53-47, forcing USAG into a foul situation and putting LAMC scorers on the free throw line.

Slow start

Although the action picked up in the second half, the game started slow as USAG and LAMC opened with zone defenses. The passing lanes for both teams resembled rush hour on the Golden Gate Bridge, resulting in turnovers and sloppy play.

The half ended 21-13, LAMC. They were led by Ralph McNeal's jumpers, who finished with 10 points.

USAG relied on Scott Moss' shooting (team-leading 15 points for the game), and Dale Kennedy's driving layups.

"We were worried about boxing out on the boards," said Moss. "If we rebounded better, we would have won the game. We [also] needed to get the ball in the middle a lot more than we did."

Early in the second half, Ashley skied above Moss for back-to-back rebounds and easy tip-ins, then added a third off a missed shot, making it 29-17, LAMC.

With LAMC controlling the inside game, USAG was forced into a long-range shooting game.

Tied up!

Leach (who had 14 points) hit a 3-point shot followed by a twisting, gyrating drive around three LAMC defneders—a scarce USAG commodity.

LAMC was leading 35-24, when Martin lit up the scoreboard with two of his bombs to cut the LAMC lead to 39-32. Martin finished with 10 points for the game.

And, with just over 3:00 left, Julius Armstrong stole the ball from LAMC and fed Martin for an easy two. The game was tied 45-45.

But Ashley and Acuna applied the killing touch, giving USAG its first loss, 2-1, while the hospital team remained undefeated, and in first place, at 4-0.



photo by Joel P. Smith

Navy's David Robinson takes time to see "eye-to-eye" (almost!) with young autograph seekers after a 1988 post appearance. Robinson will be on post again March 14-16.

Sports Notes

All-Army basketball

The post will host the 4th annual All-Army Basketball Invitational Tournament on Saturday and Sunday in Gym No. 1. Admission is free for the weekend games.

Six teams (including All-Army's "East" and "West" teams) will compete in a full slate of games. Saturday's first game is at 10 a.m., and the last game is at 7 p.m. Sunday's action begins at 11 a.m. with the championship game at 4 p.m.

This weekend's competition includes the All-Navy team and some of northern California's top semi-pro teams. Currently, 25 soldier-athletes from around the world are taking part in two daily workouts on post.

The invitational will help the coaching staff select the top 12 players for the All-Army team, which will compete in the Armed Forces Basketball Championship from March 14 to March 16, also in Gym No. 1.

Current Navy ensign and future San Antonio Spur, David Robinson, will be at the Armed Forces tourney. The seven-foot, one-inch center will make his second appearance on post in as many years.

Tickets for the interservice tournament are $3 each and will go on sale in about 10 days.

Full-court standings

	W	L
Co. A, LAMC	4	0
DOL	4	1
USAG	3	1
Co. B, LAMC	3	1
LAIR	2	2
VA Hospital	2	3
LEC	1	2
6th Army	1	2
864th Engineers	1	3
USAISC	1	3
MI BN	0	4

Half-court standings

89er's	7	0
DCSOPS	5	0
Logistics	5	0
SJA	4	1
DCSPER	3	2
LAMC No. 2	3	2
Co. B, LAMC	3	3
MI BN	2	4
Vet Services	2	4
USAISC (dropped)	1	9
USAG (dropped)	10	3

Last week's results

Full court

Jan. 30: USAG vs. 864th Engineers, 64-33; Co. B, LAMC vs. LAIR, 2-0.
Jan. 31: DOL vs. LEC, 52-30; 6th U.S. Army vs. VA Hospital, 52-3.
Feb. 1: Co. A, LAMC vs. USAG, 55-49; 864th Engineers vs. MI BN, 35-31.
Feb. 2: DOL vs. USAISC, 2-0; VA Hospital vs. Co. B, LAMC, 36-25.

Half court

Jan. 30: DCSOPS vs. MI BN, 21-12; SJA vs. DCSPER 21-3.
Jan. 31: DCSOPS vs. Co. B, LAMC, 21-19; Logistics vs. Veterinary Services, 21-7.
Feb. 1: DCSOPS vs. Veterinary Services, 2-0; 89er's vs. MI BN, 21-17.

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AUSA symposium

AUSA is holding a symposium Feb. 23 and 24 in San Jose. Civilian executives and top Army leaders will be exchanging views on what the modern Army has and desires. "Army 2001," will emphasize technological goods and services ranging from armaments to electronics to vehicles.

Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Presidio's installation commander, will deliver the opening remarks.

For details about the symposium, call the executive director, Lt. Col. Jim Duffy, at **(408) 452-2141.**

ITT news

Whale watcher's tour

Kick off your spring with an ITT trip. The whale watching trip to Half Moon Bay is scheduled for Feb. 26; and the cost is $30 a ticket. You must sign up with a small deposit by **tomorrow** to reserve your space.

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UA movie tickets

VIP movie passes are on sale at the ITT Office in bldg. 215. Each pass costs $3.25 and saves you as much as $3.25 a ticket in United Artist Theatres.



photo by Steve Morey

Spared!

The new Bowling Center's 12 shiny lanes and overhead electronic scorers now await Presidians. The *official* grand opening of the $2.2 million center is Wednesday.

SATO news

Hey gang, don't you think it's time to visit MICKEY? American Airlines has a great deal to Disneyland. The package includes round-trip airfare to Los Angeles or Orange County, two nights' accommodations and two days unlimited use of attractions at Disneyland. They also have a package that includes a car for 48 hours. The cost is $212 a person (double occupancy) through April 6 (effective for Friday and Saturay departures with a seven-day advance purchase).

YA Valentine's Day activities

The Youth Activities (YA) Center is sponsoring three blockbuster programs for Valentine's Day. All activities will be at the center at Fort Scott, Bldg. 1331. Tomorrow's pre-teen party runs from 6 to 8 p.m., cost is $1 a pre-teen.

On Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. YA will have a real-life version of their Dating Game for teens. This will be followed at 8 p.m. by a Valentine's dance; cost is $3 a teen, with one guest admitted for each ID card holder.

This is a "not-to-be-missed" experience with lots of fun for everyone! For more information, call Deloris Moore, YA program director, at **561-5143.**

West Point Founder's Day

The West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Presidio will host its annual dinner March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Presidio Officers' Club.

The event commemorates the founding of the Army's military academy. Guest speakers will be the Commandant of West Point, Brig. Gen. Fred Gorden.

For reservations and information, call LTC Tim Gilbert at **561-2982** or Mary Paul at **561-3637.**

Creative Cottage

Shopping for art and crafts? Visit the Creative Cottage, bldg. 204, where post artists exhibit and sell their works. Next door to the Thrift Shop, the cottage is open Tuesday, through Thursday, and the first Saturday of each month. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call **567-9193.**

Shorthand classes

If you know shorthand, but need additional practice to improve your speed or accuracy, the Fort Scott Education Center would like to hear from you. If enough people respond, a free class will be offered March 28 through May 25 on Wednesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Fridays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call **561-2974** or **561-4445** for more information.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call **929-TALK.**

Arts and Crafts

Beginning photo. Bring your camera to the first class! Classes will be held every week for six weeks, now through March 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday. A $35 fee covers all photo paper, chemicals and a special photo field trip.

The field trip will be Saturday and transporation will be provided.

Wood workshop (whirligig). For those who would like to learn how to make a whirligig, go by the Presidio Arts Center Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. No experience is necessary. All supplies except paint are provided for a $15 fee. The class is limited to 15 people.

Beginning wood. This is a five-week class taught Wednesdays from Feb. 15 to March 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. The class cost is $12, in addition to the cost of materials.

Stained glass. This class will be held every Thursday for six weeks from Feb. 16 through March 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The $30 fee covers the cost of all the lead, solder, flux and assembly supplies. Glass will cost another $20 to $30.

Pottery. A six-week class will be held every Friday from Feb. 17 through March 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is $15 plus another $15 for basic clay, tools and colorants.

Ceramic jewelry. The three-week class is held Tuesdays, Feb. 21 through March 7 and March 14 through 28. The class is held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and $15 covers the cost of clay. Tools will be provided.

Children's photo workshop. Children ages 6 and older will learn how to make photograms. The class will be held Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, and will cost ony $6. All supplies will be provided.

Kid's 'Rad-Dep-Cool' sneaker/high-top painting. Looks like Feb. 25 is kids' day at the Presidio Arts Center! This is also the day for the 'Rad-Dep-Cool' sneaker/high-top painting class (from 9:30 a.m. to noon) which is limited to 10 people; age 7 and older. The class fee is $8.

Ceramics workshop. Learn how to make a 12-inch ceramic picture frame. The class will be Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon and will cost only $10. All supplies will be included and no experience is necessary.

Discount coupons at USO

The USO has 50 passes for Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice. A pass plus $4 will get you in to the following performances: tomorrow, 1:30 p.m.; Saturday 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Oakland Coliseum and Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Cow Palace. The USO is in the basement of bldg. 223 and is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu,	**Feb. 9**	**Hellbound: Hellraiser II (R)**	**7 p.m.**
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Sun,	**Feb. 12**	**Scrooged (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
Mon,	**Feb. 13**	**Scrooged (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
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News Briefs

Landfill cleanup meeting

A public meeting to receive comments on the draft feasibility study for the cleanup of Landfill 26 at Hamilton Army Air Field will be held tomorrow, Feb. 17.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the base theater, bldg. 507, Palm Drive. A two hour recess is planned at 5 p.m. with the meeting resuming at 7 p.m. to allow people who were unable to attend the daytime meeting to learn about the study and make comments.

Commissary closed

The post commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of President's Day.

New ID Section hours

The ID section has new hours; Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Commissary check policy

New regulations require the following information be given on the front of checks written in the commissary:

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Anyone with questions or problems should see the commissary manager or deputy. No one will be refused service because he or she does not have a Social Security number, but the commissary staff will tell the customer to apply for one immediately.

New deadline!

The *Star Presidian* deadline has changed. Anyone submitting material to the newspaper must now be sure it is received by the *Star Presidian* staff by the close of business **Thursday** for publication the following week. Anyone mising this deadline will not have announcements published until the next week.

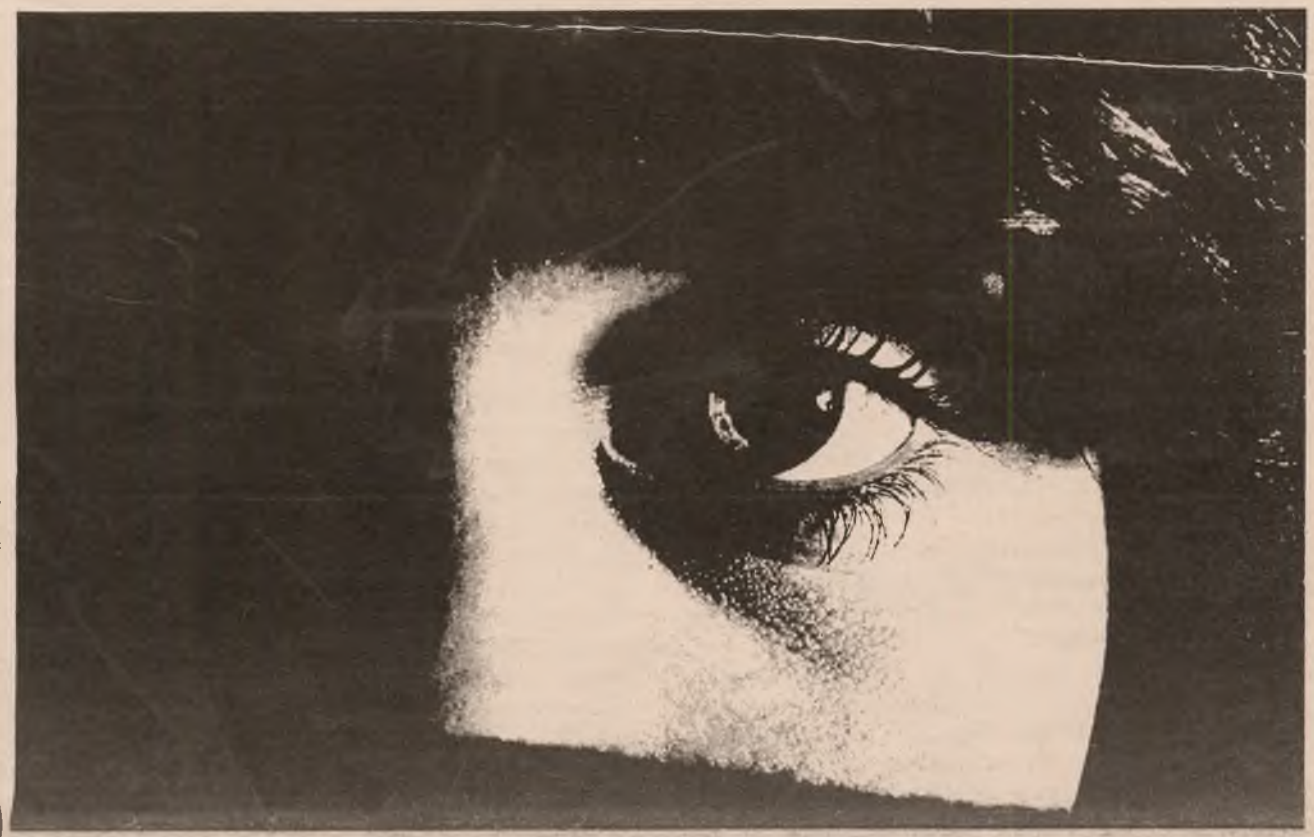
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USO policy changes

DoD people may now endorse the USO and attend its fund-raising activities in an official capacity. This policy change was made by the Secretary of Defense and is effective immediately. The post USO is in bldg. 223 and the director is Ruth Ann Dorsey. The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Army News Service



Quick-thinking Presidians save baby

by Steve Morey

Her baby daughter stopped breathing. It's a scenario every mother and father fear: "Has she swallowed something? Could it be "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?" What can I do?"

It's difficult for people to quickly and correctly react to such a situation. However, a Presidio mother and two of her neighbors did just that.

With her neighbors' help and "strength from God," Mary A. Roach revived 27-day-old Victoria on Jan. 28, apparently choking on something and gasping for air.

"When [people] take CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] and first aid classes, they don't *really* think they'll remember anything in a situation like this," said Mary. "I felt the same way, but I guess the Lord took over and helped me to remember."

Gasping for air

On that Saturday morning, Mary's husband, Sgt. Kenneth Roach of Letterman Army Medical Center's DENTAC unit, had just left their Fort Scott home to buy some baby formula at an off-post store.

A few minutes later, Mary heard Victoria gasping in an adjacent upstairs room.

"I ran into the room, thinking it was a 'normal' gasp for air. I picked her up and saw that she was choking... then I realized she couldn't get any air in or out. I tilted her head back but that didn't seem to help.

"At first, I thought it was normal—coughing, something like that," continued Mary. "Then I became scared. I put my finger into her mouth to clear away what I thought she was choking on."

Turning the infant on her back, the worried mother smacked Victoria's back a couple of times.

"I remember saying to myself, 'Whatever is causing her not to breathe, it's just not going to win.' So I tilted her head back and put my mouth over her nose and mouth, and breathed in a couple of times."

As she made her way downstairs, Mary again hit her baby on the back. Victoria let out a faint cry.

Her baby was breathing!

Call the doctor, Mommy!

Mary said she thinks the blows to the newborn's back caused Victoria to start breathing again. The quick-acting mother, who left the Army in 1985, called upon her Army first aid skills to revive Victoria.

"I just thank God that my wife [and neighbors] knew what to do," said Kenneth. "Mary didn't waste any time. I'm very proud of her."

Mary said only about a minute elapsed from when she found her troubled baby to the moment Victoria cried. During the entire time, the Roach's other child, 5-year-old son, J. R., kept pleading, "Call the doctor, Mommy! Call the doctor, Mommy!"

She continued: "When I got outside, I started screaming for help—anybody! I saw my next-door neighbor [Elaine T. Luckett] look out of her window."

Luckett was in the front part of her house when she heard dogs barking and someone screaming, "My baby isn't breathing!" Luckett saw about four dogs jumping around Mary as she held Victoria.

It seems that Mary's shouting not only alerted her neighbors, but also the local canines. "I didn't

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Voices

CSM offers advice to ambitious soldiers

by Steve Morey

[Editor's note: CSM Robert A. Whiteford, Sixth U.S. Army's command sergeant major, recently spoke to the Star Presidian *about competitive soldier boards, such as the 1988 Soldier and NCO of the Year boards. Whiteford, a 28-year veteran, has competed with, or evaluated other soldiers, on boards for more than 25 years. Also, in an upcoming* Star Presidian *edition, the post's highest ranking enlisted soldier will speak on the Army's 1989 theme, "The Year of the NCO."]*

Q. "What can be said for soldiers who might say competitive boards are 'too much trouble' and 'not worth my time?"'

CSM: "I see Soldier of the Month and Year, and NCO of the Quarter and Year, as on opportunity for a soldier to maybe step *beyond* just being the normal, average soldier. It gives him or her a route to distinguish themselves."

"From a personal perspective, I can look back and say I've seen some excellent soldiers in the Army—some tremendous folks. the young soldier of today is far better than when I came in 27-and-a-half hears ago. I'm not just blowing smoke in your eyes when I say that."

Q: "How does competing for, say, NCO of the Year, influence an NCOER [NCO Enlisted Evaluation Report, the Army's job performance rating for E-5s and above]?"

CSM: "In this day and age we don't rate with numbers anymore. We rate with 'excellence,' 'successful' and 'unsatisfactory.' To me, and to the Army, the 'norm' is successful, and that's the soldier who does a good job. In turn, 'excellence' is that soldier who **has** gone above [the norm],... who has stepped out of the ranks and has done something to distinguish him or herself from the 'successful' soldier.

"I see [the competitive boards] as a tool for people to maybe get ahead, to distinguish themselves."

Q. "When a soldier does decide to compete for top soldier or NCO honors, how can unit supervisors, NCOICs, platoon and squad leaders help him or her prepare for a board?"

CSM: "The key person in that role is the soldier . . . and that soldier's supervisor because . . . becoming a soldier of the month is not an individual job. The most successful people we see coming before the boards are those soldiers who have been helped by people around them and have taken a personal interest in the soldier's development.

"The soldier's first-line leader is a very important person and, in many cases, the family member—the wife or the husband—is also a key ingredient in someone becoming soldier of the month or NCO of the quarter.

"The soldier's first-line supervisor should find out the standards, what the board is all about... what areas of study there are and then inform the soldier. The supervisor also should be a positive force, an encouraging force, a questioning force—someone who **really** works with that soldier."

Q: "Have you changed any board procedures since becoming post command sergeant major Oct. 1, 1988 when Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army consolidated with Garrison Headquarters?"

CSM: "Since I've taken over the [post board] program . . . the one thing that I now want [is] the soldier's first-line supervisor to appear with him or her. [The soldier's supervisor sits in the back of the room only as an observer].

One, that helps the [supervisor] see how the board is conducted and, two, to see how his or her soldier has done on the board—*firsthand.* The supervisor can use this personal observation as a learning tool to train the section's other soldiers so they'll be better prepared."

Q: "What is the absolute end result for a soldier who wins a competitive board?"

CSM: "One, is the tangible things a soldier gets [to name just a few: a certificate of congratulations from Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Sixth U.S. Army commander, and various plaques, savings bonds and awards from various post and Bay Area organizations). That's part of it. It's nice to be rewarded for a job well done.

"But, even *more* important, is the development—the stepping beyond most of the run-of-the *mill*, or successful, soldiers. I think [winning a board] has a lasting effect on a soldier—two, three, four months later, that soldier still feels good about him or herself . . . and the Army.

"To me, that is the most positive, distinguishing factor for winning a soldier of the month board. And then they go back and help make members of their section even better.

"The end result is a better Army."

Ramblin' Sam

"What do NCOs contribute to the Army?"



Lt. Col. Michael Ferrara, overseas deployment manager, DCST, Sixth U.S. Army: "Leadership, development of junior enlisted personnel, and they provide a lot of support to their officers."



Spec. Michael Santiago, supply specialist, 902nd Military Intelligence Battalion: "They give you a good example, help you out in different areas—especially the way you develop your leadership."



Spec. Gladis Connor, pharmacy technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I guess it's like that old saying: They're like the backbone of the Army. They train the incoming soldeiers and are role models for them."



Debby V. Blackson, Personnel Management Specialist intern, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "They contribute a wealth of knowledge. If it wasn't for the public affairs NCOIC, I don't know what I would have done [when I arrived here]. He showed me the ropes—what supplies and forms I needed and how to get them."

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know exactly what was going on," said Luckett, wife of Spec. Eric D. Luckett from Co. B, LAMC.

"I just thought about my own baby right away—what I'd do in this situation. I think I would have run outside, too. [Mary] was very smart to come outside and call for help."

(The Luckett's youngest daughter was born the same day, Jan. 1, as Victoria.)

Help on the way

Elaine Luckett called the Presidio Fire Department at 9:54 a.m.; emergency medical technicians arrived about two to three minutes later.

A LAMC ambulance arrived moments after the PFD crew.

While Luckett made the emergency call, another neighbor, Bonnie L. Hooks, ran from her house after hearing the noise. Hooks helped Mary to lightly pound the baby's back.

"When I got there, the baby's face was frozen, tense. She was barely breathing," said Hooks, wife of Capt. Ron E. Hooks from Readiness Group, Sixth U.S. Army.

"I turned her over and helped to break loose whatever was causing her to choke."

'Thank the Lord'

"When the fire department came through the front door," said Mary, sighing, "that's when I realized everything that had happened. I started thanking the Lord for saving her life.

"You take classes, but you don't really think you'll remember anything in a situation like this. But He helped me remember. The Lord took over."

While Elaine Luckett took care of J.R., the ambulance crew took Victoria and her mother to LAMC. The infant was treated by the Chief of Pediatrics, Dr. (Col.) Robert C. Lister. Kenneth joined his wife and daughter a few minutes later.

"We're not sure what caused the baby to stop breathing," explained Lister. "The baby could have had a seizure, choked on food or was breathing incorrectly.

"Whatever the case, [the women] acted appropriately. I think this situation points out the need for everyone to know basic life support procedures." Victoria returned home with a clean bill of healt after three days of observation by Lister.

J. R. was asked how he felt when told that his baby sister was going to be fine: "Good, 'cause I don't want her to be sick again."



Got an idea to improve the Presidio? Don't just tell your friends, let the whole post know; call

561-IDEA

CPR quiz for parents

Your newborn baby is playing happily with her beloved teddy bear. The telephone rings and you go into the kitchen to answer. After a brief conversation you return to find your baby lying face down, motionless and not breathing. You notice that the teddy bear's eye is missing.

Would you know what to do?

As seen in the accompanying article, Presidians Mary Roach, Elaine Luckett and Bonnie Hooks knew what to do, saving 27-day-old Victoria Roach's life.

Would you like to learn techniques and skills which could save someone you love?

The American Red Cross on post continues to offer Presidians CPR and first aid classes, held throughout the week, The classes are taught in bldg. 97, next to the new Bowling Center.

According to Red Cross' assistant manager on post, there's been a "tremendous response from both soldiers and civilians" to the newly revised class schedule.

"We'd like to accommodate everyone with this new schedule," said Ortega, who added that students must register in person to receive their books.

Call 561-2187 or 561-2188 for more information, The next first aid classes are Feb. 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and March 15 and 16, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. both nights.

The next CPR class is March 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ortega also reminds Presidians that March is American Red Cross Month.

To test parents' knowledge of CPR and other lifesaving skills for infants and children, the Red Cross has developed a quiz. The questions are from the new American Red Cross CPR: Infant and Child course. See how you do:

1. What is the leading cause of death for children in the United States?
   a. Cancer
   b. Injury from accidents
2. How do you open a child's airway to give rescue breathing (mouth-to-mouth resuscitation)?
   a. Put one hand under the child's neck and tilt the head back.
   b. Tilt the head gently back and lift the chin.
3. When should you give rescue breathing to a child?
   a. When the child's heart has stopped beating.
   b. When the child is not breathing, but has a pulse.
4. How often should you give rescue breaths to a child who has stopped breathing?
   a. Give one breath every four seconds.
   b. Gve one breath every ten seconds.
5. How often should you give rescue breaths to an infant who has stopped breathing?
   a. Give one breath every second.
   b. Give one breath every three seconds.
6. What should you do for a child who appears to be choking but is coughing forcefully?
   a. Slap him on the back and encourage him to drink water.
   b. Stay with him and encourage him to keep coughing.
7. When giving abdominal thrusts (the Heimlich maneuver) to a conscious child who is choking, where should you place your fist?
   a. Just above the naval and well below the lower tip of the breastbone.
   b. In the center of the breastbone.
8. When giving rescue breaths to an infant, where should you place your mouth?
   a. Over the infant's nose and mouth.
   b. Over the infant's mouth.
9. What should you do for a conscious infant who is choking and cannot cough, cry or breathe?
   a. Administer abdominal thrusts.
   b. Give back blows and chest thrusts.
10. Where should you check for a pulse in an infant?
    a. At the wrist.
    b. On the upper arm.

Answers: 1-b, 2-b, 3-b, 4-a, 5-b, 6-b, 7-a, 8-a, 9-b, 10-b.

Score 10 points for each correct answer.

100 to 90: Excellent. Your answers show that you're aware of CPR and other lifesaving skills for infants and children.

80 to 70: Good. But there's room for improvement. Call your Red Cross chapter for information about the American Red Cross CPR: Infant and Child course.

60 or below: You need help! Call your Red Cross chapter for a list of the health and safety courses available.

Energy Tip of the Week

This time of year many of us are leaving home and coming to work while it's still dark outside. We often turn on our porch lights and they sometimes stay on when we leave. That's okay if someone at home turns them off after they aren't needed, but some quarters will have their lights on well into the afternoon. That not only looks bad to other residents and the public, but reflects poorly on the occupants.

Try to put "porch lights out" on your agenda (along with "lock the door") when you leave home in the morning!

CPO Job Openings

Heating Equipment Operator: 211-89(MS), WG-5309-8, closes Feb. 22.
Supervisory Accounting Technician: 212-89(MS), GS-525-8, closes Feb. 22.
Scanning Coordinator: 213-89(EW), GS-303-5, closes Feb. 22.
Lead Housing Clerk (Typing): 214-89(GC), GS-303-5, closes Feb. 22.
Transportation Assistant: 215-89(MG), GS-2101-5/6/7, closes Feb. 23.
Advertising Assistant (Typing): 216-89(EW) GS-303-5, closes Feb. 24.
Auditor: 217-89(GR), GS-511-11, closes Feb. 28.
Visual Information Assistant (Typing): 218-89(RJ), GS-303-5, closes Feb. 28.
Lead File CLerk: 219-89(RJ), GS-305-4, closes Feb. 28.
Telephone Supervisor: 220-89(MG), GS-382-6, closes Feb. 28.

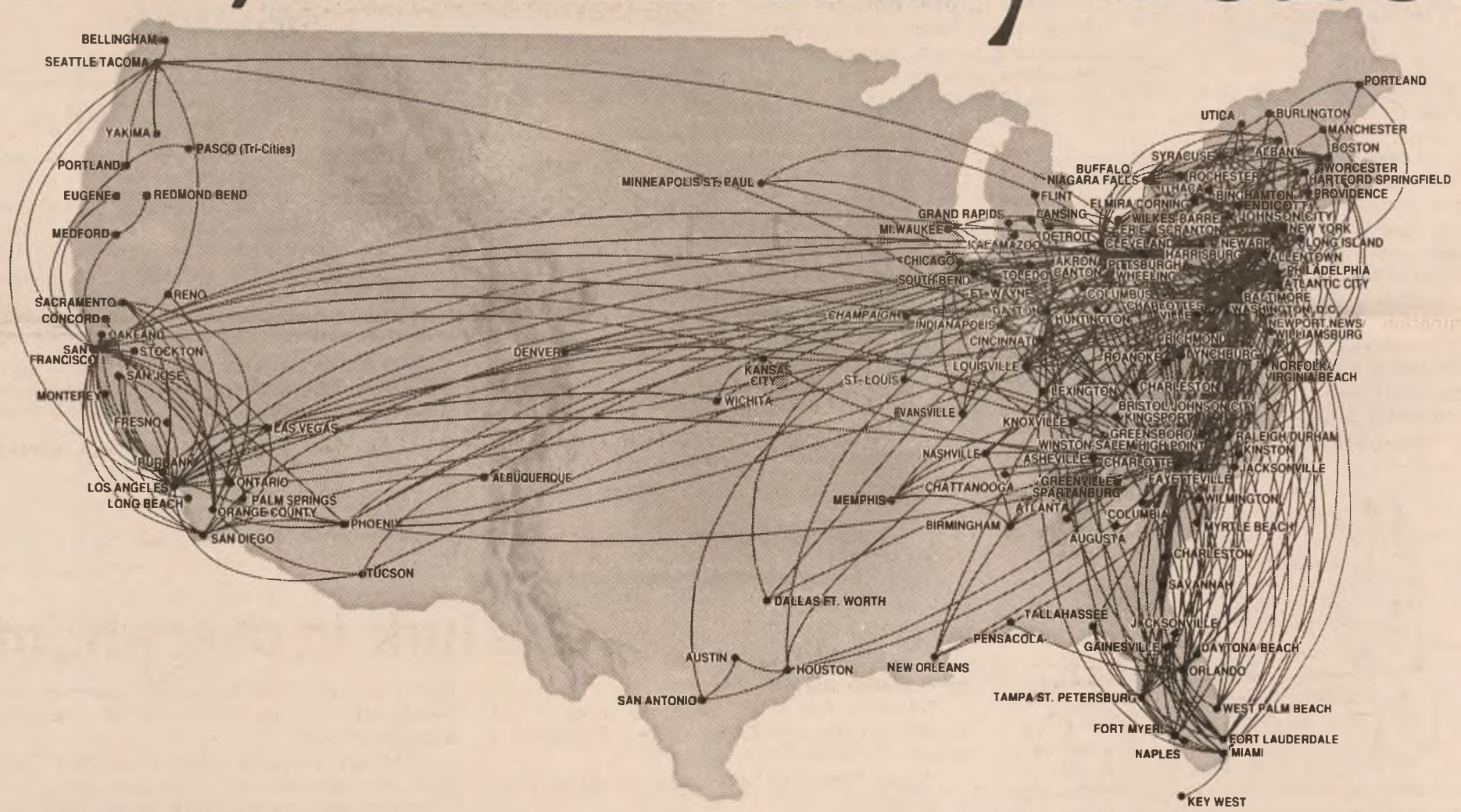
For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at 561-5732, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.16 an hour; and NA-7408-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Recreation Aide (Bingo): PS-189-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Inventory Management Clerk: AS-2005-04, $6.40 an hour, regular, part-time.
Clerk Typist: As-322-04, $6.40 an hour, regular, full-time.
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Custodial Worker: NA-3566-01, $5.16 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Club Operator Assistant: PS-1101-04, $6.24 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Security Guard: PS-085-02, $5.62 an hour, intermittent, on-call, temporary, full-time, six months.
Cook Foreman: NA-7404-08, $9.79 an hour, regular, full-
Cocktail Waitress/Waiter: NA-7420-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

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Soldiers and Civvies

Sixth Army names Headquarters NCO of the year

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

The Sixth U.S. Army NCO of the Year, for the Presidio, is SFC Mark Pondelicek, an officer management NCO for the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel.

Pondelicek will represent the post in the Feb. 23 and 24 NCOY (NCO of the Year) competiton in Reno, Nev., which will name the Sixth U.S. Army's top NCO in the world.

So far, 17 enlisted soldiers and 22 NCOs have been named to compete in the board, which will select outstanding soldiers from the National Guard, Reserves and active duty units in Sixth U.S. Army.

The 35-year-old Pondelicek said he was recommended for the board by his supervisor, Capt. Dennis G. Uldricks. "Without a doubt he's the best NCO in Sixth Army," explained Uldricks. "He's a well-respected, quality guy that does everything well."

Pondelicek was the only NCO who appeared for the post board. Uldricks said the lack of competition probably didn't matter. "I don't have any doubt that if there were five or six people going up for that board, he still would have won."

Pondelicek said he accepted the nomination for "completely [personal] reasons," but is thinking of more than just himself in the upcoming competition.

"Winning a board looks good on your record," he explained. "It also helps your promotion status. That's why I went [to the post board], but it's become much more than that.

"I have people pulling for me now [to win in Reno] and I don't want to let them down."

On a file cabinet, high above his desk, sit 10 field manuals, maybe a thousand pages of facts and figures that may be the foundation of a board question.

Pondelicek invested hours in studying the books, but says he plans to work harder for the Reno board.

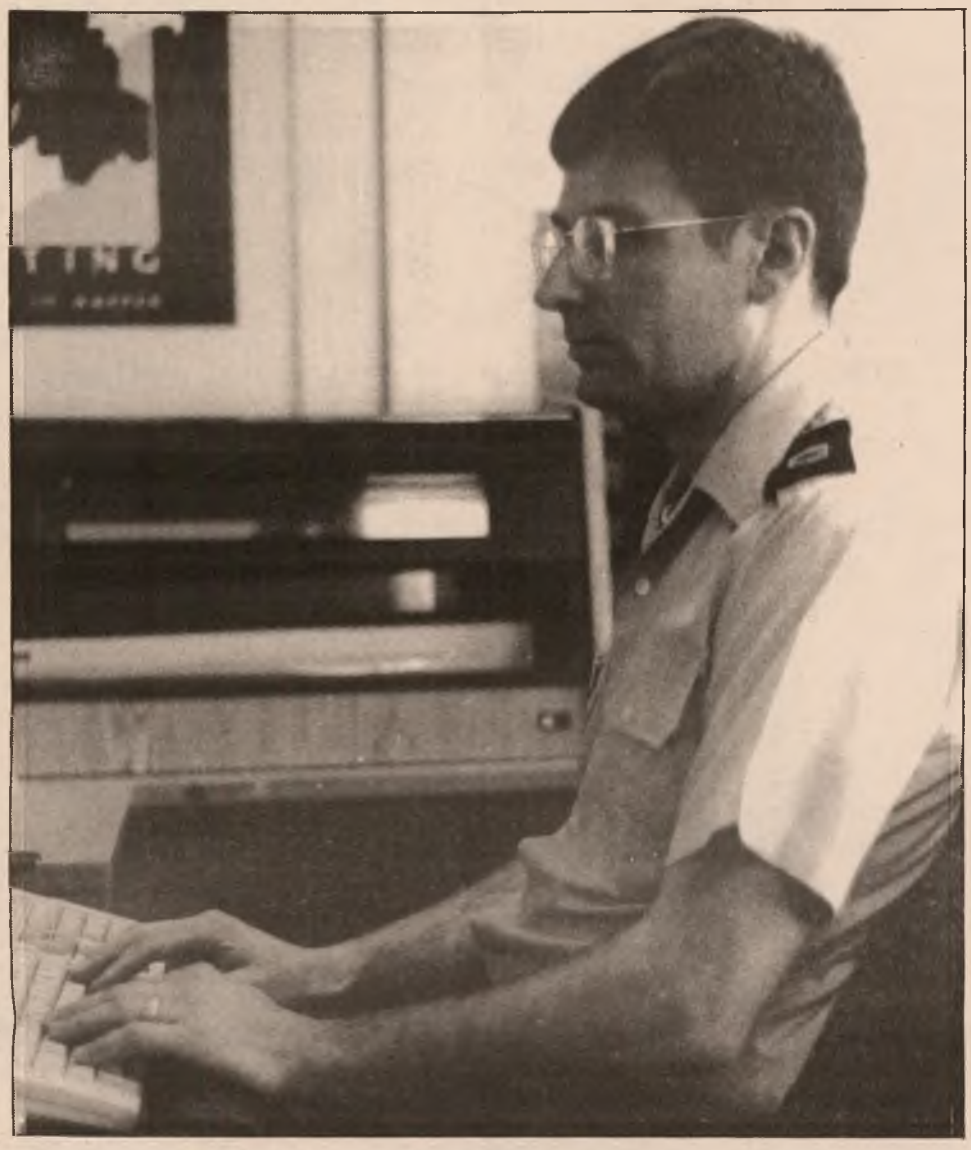
He is raising two children here with his wife, Marcela, and he plays post intramural basketball, shoots golf and bowls. He's also working on an associate's degree in electronic technology.

Self improvement—something that seems to consume most of his time—is one area in which Pondelicek was tested at the board. But his most winning attribute, according to the board president, was his straight talk.

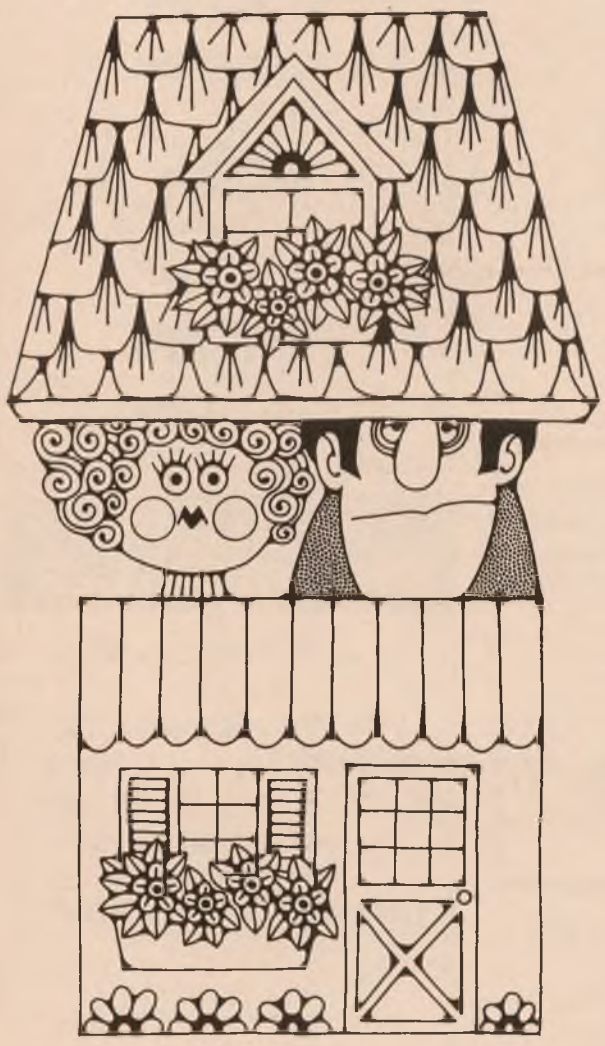
"I was very impressed with his conversation skills," said board president SGM Oscar R. Patton, "He's got a superior ability to communicate and I think that will probably win it for him in Reno." Patton is sergeant major for the office of Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics, Sixth Army.

While he wants to win the Reno board, Pondelicek worries that he just may. "I like to win, but I feel bad about it in a way.

"I just hate to see others lose."



SFC Mark Pondelicek works at his duty station and soon will represent Headquarters Sixth Army in Reno.



National Safe Kids Week

Beware! Dangers lurk in every home

by Frederick Bartow

Where is the most danggerous place in the world? The Persian Gulf, maybe? Flying in a plane?

Wrong. Home can be the most dangerous place in the world.

In a room-by-room check of possible hazards, you can find possible dangers from crushing, falling, fire and electrocution at every turn. Children are especially at risk.

Injuries are the number one threat to your child's health. One out of four children is involved in an accident each year. More than 8,000 of these children die and another 50,000 are permanently disabled.

With the ever-increasing risk of accidents involving children, the President has declared February 12-17 as **NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK**. With public awareness and support many of these accidents can be prevented.

What can *you* do as a parent to protect your children from this killer? Beginning with the first day of your child's life—think safety!

If you have a toddler, crawl around the house and look at your environment from a toddler's perspective. What dangers lurk under the sofa? Can you reach that bottle of medicine on the countertop? Can you pull an iron onto yourself by a dangling cord?

Why not conduct a Injury Prevention Assessment. For example:

- Use child safety seats and/or belts when traveling in motor vehicles;
- Have a Poison Information Center phone number handy;
- Use child resistant tops on all of your prescription bottles;
- Install smoke detectors on each floor of your home; and
- Inspect your home from a child's view, get down on your hands and knees and look for kid-level threats.

The chances of getting hurt grows as the child grows. Often, accidents occur when parents underestimate their child's capabilities. Discuss your child's growth and progress with your physician. Read about average developmental stages and what to expect.

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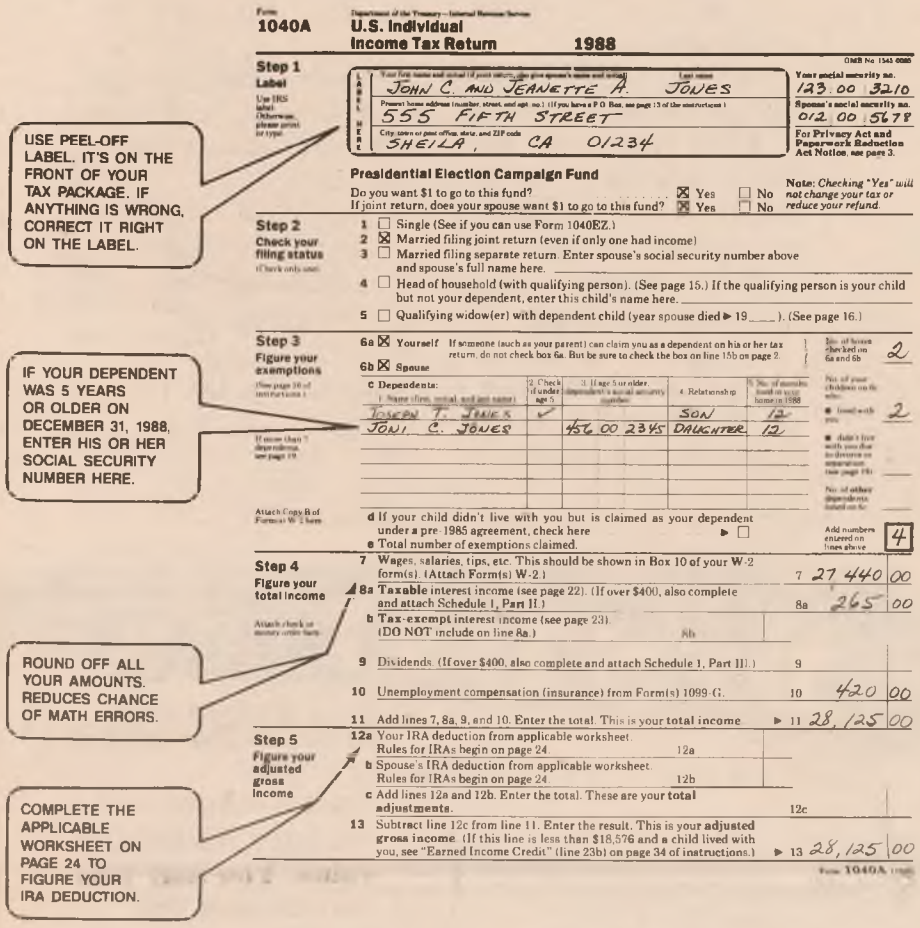
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Tax Tips

Do-it-yourself 1040A: Presidians here's how

Your tax instruction package contains the information needed to complete the form. This *Signal Sheet* is simply an aid. Like a traffic signal, it does not tell you how or why you should do something. Rather, it alerts you to things you don't want to miss. If you find it helpful, please use it along with your tax instructions, never in place of them.



Form 1040A — U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 1988

Step 1 Label — JOHN C. AND JEANETTE A. JONES; 555 FIFTH STREET; SHEILA, CA 01234; Your social security no. 123 00 3210; Spouse's social security no. 012 00 5678

Presidential Election Campaign Fund: Do you want $1 to go to this fund? ☒ Yes ☐ No. If joint return, does your spouse want $1 to go to this fund? ☒ Yes ☐ No. Note: Checking "Yes" will not change your tax or reduce your refund.

Step 2 Check your filing status: 2 ☒ Married filing joint return (even if only one had income)

Step 3 Figure your exemptions: 6a ☒ Yourself; 6b ☒ Spouse; No. of boxes checked on 6a and 6b: 2

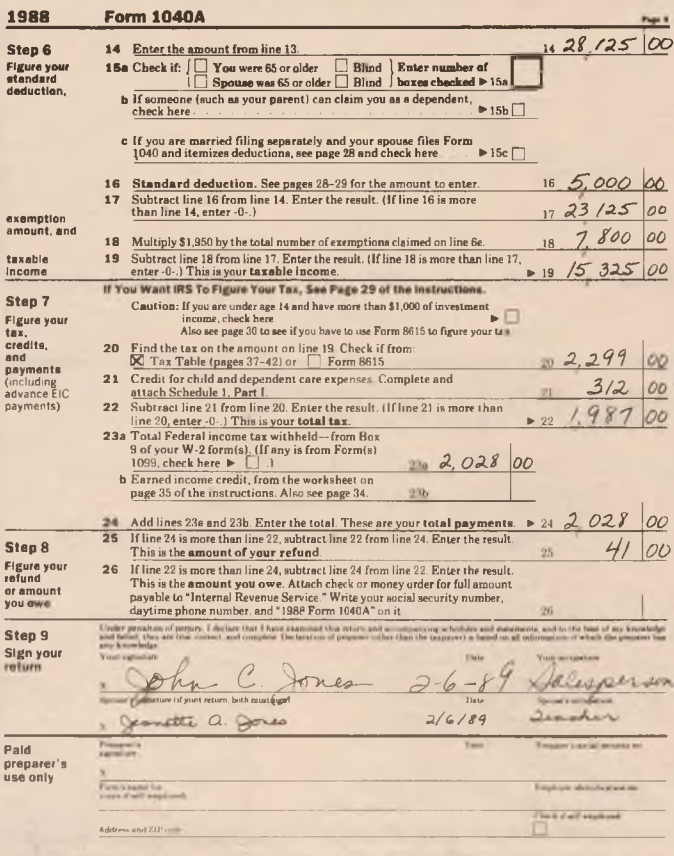
c Dependents: (1) Name (first, initial, and last name)	(2) Check if under age 5	(3) If age 5 or older, dependent's social security number	(4) Relationship	(5) No. of months lived in your home in 1988
JOSEPH T. JONES	✓		SON	12
JONI C. JONES		456 00 2345	DAUGHTER	12

No. of your children on 6c who: ● lived with you: 2; ● didn't live with you due to divorce or separation (see page 19): ; No. of other dependents listed on 6c: . d If your child didn't live with you but is claimed as your dependent under a pre-1985 agreement, check here ▶ ☐. e Total number of exemptions claimed: 4

Step 4 Figure your total income: 7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. This should be shown in Box 10 of your W-2 form(s). (Attach Form(s) W-2.) 7 27 440 00; 8a Taxable interest income (see page 22). (If over $400, also complete and attach Schedule 1, Part II.) 8a 265 00; b Tax-exempt interest income (see page 23). (DO NOT include on line 8a.) 8b; 9 Dividends. (If over $400, also complete and attach Schedule 1, Part II.) 9; 10 Unemployment compensation (insurance) from Form(s) 1099-G. 10 420 00; 11 Add lines 7, 8a, 9, and 10. Enter the total. This is your **total income** ▶ 11 28,125 00

Step 5 Figure your adjusted gross income: 12a Your IRA deduction from applicable worksheet. Rules for IRAs begin on page 24. 12a; b Spouse's IRA deduction from applicable worksheet. Rules for IRAs begin on page 24. 12b; c Add lines 12a and 12b. Enter the total. These are your **total adjustments**. 12c; 13 Subtract line 12c from line 11. Enter the result. This is your **adjusted gross income**. (If this line is less than $18,576 and a child lived with you, see "Earned Income Credit" (line 23b) on page 34 of instructions.) ▶ 13 28,125 00

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1988 Form 1040A

Step 6 Figure your standard deduction, exemption amount, and taxable income: 14 Enter the amount from line 13. 14 28,125 00; 15a Check if: ☐ You were 65 or older ☐ Blind; ☐ Spouse was 65 or older ☐ Blind; Enter number of boxes checked ▶ 15a; b If someone (such as your parent) can claim you as a dependent, check here ▶ 15b ☐; c If you are married filing separately and your spouse files Form 1040 and itemizes deductions, see page 28 and check here ▶ 15c ☐; 16 **Standard deduction.** See pages 28–29 for the amount to enter. 16 5,000 00; 17 Subtract line 16 from line 14. Enter the result. (If line 16 is more than line 14, enter -0-.) 17 23 125 00; 18 Multiply $1,950 by the total number of exemptions claimed on line 6e. 18 7,800 00; 19 Subtract line 18 from line 17. Enter the result. (If line 18 is more than line 17, enter -0-.) This is your **taxable income**. ▶ 19 15 325 00

If You Want IRS To Figure Your Tax, See Page 29 of the Instructions.

Step 7 Figure your tax, credits, and payments (including advance EIC payments): Caution: If you are under age 14 and have more than $1,000 of investment income, check here ▶ ☐. Also see page 30 to see if you have to use Form 8615 to figure your tax. 20 Find the tax on the amount on line 19. Check if from: ☒ Tax Table (pages 37–42) or ☐ Form 8615. 20 2,299 00; 21 Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Complete and attach Schedule 1, Part I. 21 312 00; 22 Subtract line 21 from line 20. Enter the result. (If line 21 is more than line 20, enter -0-.) This is your **total tax**. ▶ 22 1,987 00; 23a Total Federal income tax withheld—from Box 9 of your W-2 form(s). (If any is from Form(s) 1099, check here ▶ ☐.) 23a 2,028 00; b Earned income credit, from the worksheet on page 35 of the instructions. Also see page 34. 23b; 24 Add lines 23a and 23b. Enter the total. These are your **total payments**. ▶ 24 2 028 00

Step 8 Figure your refund or amount you owe: 25 If line 24 is more than line 22, subtract line 22 from line 24. Enter the result. This is the **amount of your refund**. 25 41 00; 26 If line 22 is more than line 24, subtract line 24 from line 22. Enter the result. This is the **amount you owe**. Attach check or money order for full amount payable to "Internal Revenue Service." Write your social security number, daytime phone number, and "1988 Form 1040A" on it. 26

Step 9 Sign your return: Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than the taxpayer) is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge. Your signature: John C. Jones Date 2-6-89 Your occupation Salesperson. Spouse's signature (if joint return, both must sign) Jeanette A. Jones Date 2/6/89 Spouse's occupation Teacher

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ENTER YOUR OCCUPATION HERE, AND SIGN AND DATE THE RETURN. IF YOU FILE A JOINT RETURN, YOUR SPOUSE MUST ALSO ENTER HIS/HER OCCUPATION AND SIGN AND DATE THE RETURN.

Parents earn tax credits from day care

Presidio parents who pay someone to care for a child or dependent while they work or look for work may qualify for a special tax credit.

This Child and Dependent Care Credit may be taken not only for payments to babysitters and day-care centers but also to certain relatives paid for this service.

This credit is available to married couples who both work part time or full time or are actively looking for work and file a joint tax return. If one spouse works full time and the other works part time, is a full-time student or is disabled, they are also eligible for the credit, according to the IRS.

The credit may also apply to a divorced or separated parent who has custody of a child under 15 or physically or mentally incapable of self-care, even though the parent may not be entitled to a dependency exemption for the child. The parent claiming the credit must, however, have custody for a longer period during the year than the other parent. A married person living apart from his or her spouse for the last six months of the taxable year is eligible for the credit if a separate return is filed.

Expenses that can be used for the tax credit include only amounts paid for household services and care of the qualified person. Child support payments are not qualified expenses, nor are amounts paid for an overnight camp.

Percentage Varies

The credit is from 20 to 30 percent of eligible expenses, depending on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. The maximum credit that may be taken is limited to $720 for one qualifying person and to $1,440 for two or more qualifying persons.

To qualify for the Child and Dependent Care Credit, a taxpayer (1) must have been gainfully employed or in active search of gainful employment when the expense for the child's or dependent's care was incurred and (2) must have paid over half the cost of maintaining his or her household, which included one or more qualifying individuals. Also, the IRS has emphasized that the taxpayer and the qualifying person must have lived in the same home during 1988. A qualifying individual is a dependent child under 15 years of age or a spouse or dependent who is mentally or physically incapable of self-care.

How to Claim

To claim the credit, taxpayers can file Form 1040A, using Schedule 1 (Form 1040A) to compute the amount of the credit. Taxpayers who file Form 1040 may also claim the credit, even if they do not itemize deductions. These taxpayers compute the credit on Form 2441, "Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses," and attach this form to the Form 1040.

Presidians wanting tax help should see their Unit Tax Advisor or visit the Tax Center in bldg. 223, call 561-2TAX for an appointment.



Special rules for child exemption

Divorced or separated parents must use special rules to decide whether they or their former spouses can claim the exemption for their child when they file their tax returns. The special rules for divorced or separated parents apply only if:

1) The parents are divorced or legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance, are separated under a written separation agreement or lived apart at all times during the last six months of the year; and
2) One or both parents provide more than half the child's total support for the calendar year; and
3) One or both parents have custody of the child for more than half the calendar year.

Although there are some exceptions, the parent who has custody of the child for most of the year is usually treated as the parent who provides more than half the child's support. It does not matter whether the parent with custody has been actually providing more than half of the child's support.

A non-custodial parent may claim the exemption for the child if either (1) the custodial parent signs a written declaration that he or she will not claim the exemption for the child and the non-custodial parent attaches this written declaration to his or her return, or (2) a decree or agreement executed before 1985 provides that the non-custodial parent is entitled to the exemption and he or she provides at least $600 for the child's support during the year, unless the pre-1985 decree or agreement is modified after 1984 to specify that this provision will not apply.

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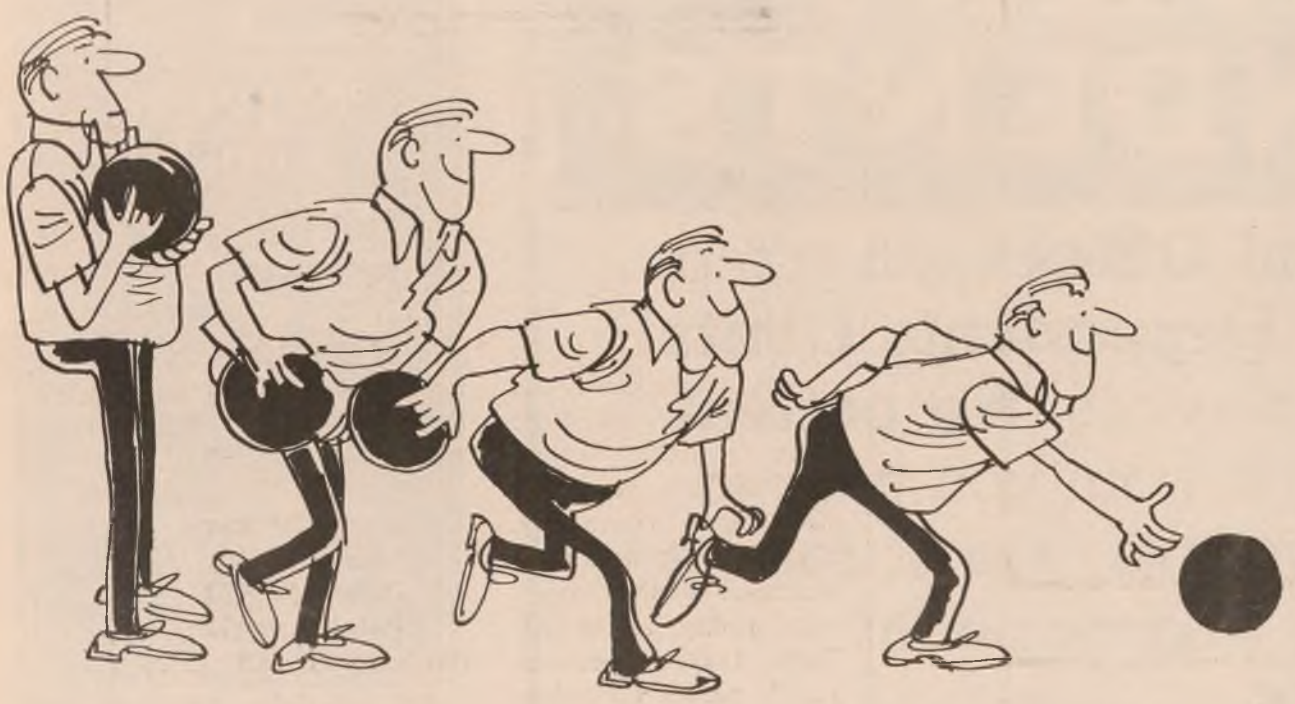
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Sports



Bowlers roll into new center

by Steve Morey

The first full week of nighttime bowling at the new post Bowling Center ended Friday. The Hui-O-Hawaii League bowlers faced off and provided enough strikes, spares and splits to last a year.

However, the new center offers more than just what happens between the alleys.

"I love it, love it!" said 32-year bowler, Pineapple Kamakea, famous for his body English and ever-present smile—strike or split.

"I bowl every night and twice on weekends," said the retired Army veteran. "The new center's goin' to be great. The high-tech system will give the bowlers a chance to bowl nearly problem-free."

The "high-tech" system includes 12 multi-colored video screens capable of displaying not only bowlers' scores, but video programs on unused lanes.

The new lanes—a problem for some, a delight for others—lead into the pin placing machines, the only holdover from the old bowling center.

Bobbie Gascon, league secretary for four of the center's leagues, said, "Overall, it's more of a home-type atmosphere [than the old center]. The snack bar, new screens and pro shop all help people enjoy a state-of-the-art bowling center."

The snack bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner items including "Chick'n G'rillas," perch fillet, Super Dog with chili, french fries.

Presidians can enjoy breakfast *entrees* such as cheese omelets, hash browns, muffins, bagels with cream cheese and ham and eggs.

Next to the snack bar is a video room with eight flashing video games. Many a bowler could be found sneaking into the room for a quick 'Zap!" and "Zing!" between frames.

And Friday's league is adults only.

Marion R. and Betty M. Larkins bowl on the same team. "The center gives me something to do when my husband's TDY," said Betty. "I wish there were more lanes, but I'm happy with what we have here."

If you're a bowler, or a bowling fan, or even just curious, the new Bowling Center opens its lanes to you.

The center is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays, noon to 10 p.m. Call **561-5042** or **921-2488** for more information.



photo by Steve Morey

Basketball—or football?

All-Army center, Willie Linder (35), gets hammered by Navy during the Feb. 11 through 12 All-Army Basketball Invitational Tournament in Gym No. 1. Linder led his teammates to a 108-94 championship win over All-Navy. Both services' squads now had to this weekend's Washington Tournament in South Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Sports Notes

Nautilus® exercise machine instruction

The Sports Branch Staff is giving Nautilus® exercise machine instruction to the adult military community. Free classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at Gym. No. 1. Unit instruction is available by submitting a written request to the Sports Branch, Attn: Robert Darling, fitness instructor.

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Get fit classes

Starting, Feb. 25, an additional aerobic workout class will be offered by B-Fit Aerobics. The class will be at 10 a.m. in the Nautilus room at the main gym every Saturday morning (except for holiday weekends). The B-Fit Aerobics consist of low-impact, high-impact and interval training, as well as strength training and stretching techniques. The first class is free.

The drop-in cost is: $3.50 a class, for five classes, $3 a class, for 12 classes, $2.50 a class, for 18 classes, $2 a class.

When you buy 12 or 18 classes, you receive a card that may be used for any or the following classes:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:30 a.m., Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 10a.m.

There are additional classes at the main gym offered by Get Fit Aerobics. The cost is the same, but the classes are not interchangeable. The Get Fit Aerobics classes are Monday through Thursday at 4:30 p.m. For information, call the main gym at **561-4120** or **561-5032**.

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Black History Month events

To celebrate Black History Month on post, the Equal Opportunity office is sponsoring the following events:

Tomorrow, Feb. 17: a luncheon at the NCO/Enlisted Club. The guest speaker will be Col. Bennie J. Wilson III, U.S. Air Force vice commander. For reservations call the EO office at **561-3701.** The cost is $7.

Feb. 24: a panel discussion will be held in the conference room of bldg. 35. The topic will be this year's theme, "The role of Afro-American churches in economic, political and social development." For reservations call **561-3701** or **561-4602.**

Feb. 26: a spectacular variety show will be hosted by the NCO/Enlisted Club from 7:30 to 11 p.m. To find out more, call SFC Fudge at **561-3852.**

AUSA luncheon

The March AUSA luncheon will be March 7 at the post NCO/Enlisted Club. Rear Admiral David M. Lichtman, the commander of the Naval Medical Command Northwest Region will be the guest speaker. A no-host reception starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $7 and reservations must be made by March 1. For information, call CSM McVey or 2nd Lt. Osinski at **561-4373** or **561-2153.**

Catholic Chapel services

Lenten Services will be: daily Mass at 11:35 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Exploratorium

Saturday, two musical workshops will be given for young people; one at 1 p.m. on musical theater and the other one on new vaudeville and the black experience at 3 p.m. The workshops will be at McBean Theater. The Exploratorium admission price gets you in to the workshops free.

Sunday, jazz musicians combine poetry, noise-makers and Japanese instruments to form a new music. The performance is at 3 p.m. in McBean Theater. There is no extra charge after the Exploratorium fee is paid.



photo courtesy Jack Wodell Associates

Not another zany adventure!

Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure **opens at Bay Area cinemas tomorrow, Feb. 17.**

A.C.T. celebrates Black History

The American Conservatory Theatre will be performing "Joe Turner's Come and Gone." A.C.T. will sell half-price tickets to soldiers on the day of the performance when they show their military ID cards. For information, call **673-6440.**

SATO travel

Can you get away for a few days during the week? SATO has a super package at the El Dorado Hotel/Casino in Reno. You will have deluxe room accommodations, tickets to the cabaret show, buffet breakfast, and a casino fun book all for just $39 a person, double occupancy; this is for a three day two night stay! This great deal is offered Sunday through Thursday until March 3, then it goes up to $49. This package is available to anyone!

If you are an active duty soldier, and would like a night in the city, the Hotel Atherton offers $49 rate for a single or double room (rate includes a free full American breakfast)! Children under 12 years old stay free.

See SATO for ski packages, cruises to Mexico and tours to Hawaii.

ITT fun

Whale watcher's tour. Kick off your spring with an ITT trip. The whale watching trip to Half Moon Bay is, Feb. 26 and the cost is $30 a person. You must sign-up with a small deposit to reserve your space.

Hearst Castle trip. The world famous Hearst Castle is a 'must see' for everyone in California. This treasure-filled building attracts more than one million tourists each year.

Here is your chance to sit back and get away for the weekend. ITT/Arts Center is offering this trip to you for the low price of $55 a person, double occupancy. The trip includes one night's lodging at a motel, transportation, and a tour of the Hearst Castle. Reservations are limited and may be made at ITT.

Swan Lake Ballet. The San Francisco Ballet's "Swan Lake" tickets are on sale for $22. This special presentation is available at a $3 savings.

Marine World Africa USA. With your "wild card" (available at ITT) you will save 30 percent or $5 off the regular price for park admission. This offer is valid until March 17.

Call or visit the ITT office, bldg. 215, **561-3992**for more information.

Ed Center info

CLEP examination. The CLEP with essay will be given April 4, at 12:15 p.m. This exam is for soldiers attending, or planning to attend colleges which require this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP. The test will be offered at the Fort Scott Education Center. There is no fee but you must order your exam by tomorrow.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given, April 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee but you must order you exam by Feb. 24.

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For information call or visit a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or **561-4445** or LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**

Art Exhibition and sale

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club and the Letterman Auxiliary invite you and your guests to attend an art exhibition and sale March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Presidio Officers' Club. The exhibition is presented by the San Francisco Society of Fine Arts. Admission is free and there will be door prizes and a no-host bar.

Local artists will display their paintings at this event. Prices for the posters, sketches, oils and watercolors will range from $20 to $2,000.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Feb. 16: January Man (R), 7 p.m. Kevin Kline. An offbeat detective hunts down a serial killer.

Fri, Feb. 17: January Man (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 18: Tequila Sunrise (R), 7 p.m. Mel Gibson, Michelle Pfeifer. Two friends from high school—a retired drug dealer and a cop—clash when the cop is assigned to put the former dealer behind bars.

Sun, Feb. 19: Tequila Sunrise (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 20: Tequila Sunrise (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 21: Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers (R), 7 p.m. Donald Pleasance. The monstrous Michael Myers escapes from a mental hospital and returns home to wreak havoc in his quest to destroy his young niece.

Wed, Feb. 22: Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers (R), 7 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 23: Moon Over Parador (PG-13), 7 p.m. Richard Dryefus, Sonia Braga. While on location in the Latin American country of Parador, a U.S. actor is kidnapped and forced to play the role of the nation's dictator.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	Feb. 17	Theater Closed	7 p.m.
Sat,	Feb. 18	Sleeping Beauty (G)	1 p.m.
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Reps. to committee: post closure to cost $300 million

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Closing the Presidio would cost more than $300 million, congressional members said in a press conference held on post Feb. 15

Rep. Barbara Boxer said it would cost taxpayers $208 million *annually* to close the post. The press conference was held in the Sixth U.S. Army Command Conference Facility, bldg. 35.

Boxer (D - Greenbrae), and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D - San Francisco), were joined at the conference by Rep. John Murtha, D - Pa., the chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee to dispute the cost of closing the base. The Commission on Base Realignment and Closure estimated it would cost only $74 million.

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos said the representatives were the first elected officials outside of the city's congressional delegation to take a look at the Presidio since it was recommended to close.

"No one from the commission that made these recommendations or their staff have walked the grounds to take a look at what the Presidio is and what it means to the Army, to San Francisco and the the Bay Area," he said. "San Francisco looks to the Presidio as an important part of our economy."

Boxer said the Presidio was the only base that Murtha has visited. She said the post's situation was unique since it was the only post that would cost the taxpayers more to close it than to keep it open.

"The commission showed the environmental clean-up costs to be $2 million," Boxer said. "We know from past experience that $2 million would hardly pay for a study to figure out what the total cost would be." She said the Army, which was questioned by the General Accounting Office about the cost of cleaning up the post, found the actual clean-up costs to be approximately $82.5 million.

Boxer said it would cost $208.8 million to move Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters and its operations, plus another $40 million in economic adjustment to replace the post's lost payroll and contracts. The total **one-time** cost to close the post would be approximately $331.3 million.

Pelosi said annual costs for closing the post would outstrip any annual savings. If Letterman Army Medical Center were to close, she said, it would cost Bay Area hospitals "a minimum of $35 million. . . over and above the cost of Letterman Hospital today." That's an additional cost that the taxpayers would have to make up, she added.

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News Briefs

Commissary Council meeting

The PSF Commissary Council meeting will be held March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissary Conference Room, bldg. 252.

Power shut-off

Due to the construction of the new commissary, power will be shut off in some buildings from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on **Saturday**. The buildings affected are:

Buildings 654, 680 to 683, 920, 924, 929 to 931, 933, 935, 937, 951 to 966, 979, 983, 985 to 987, T-988, T-989, 1201 to 1208, 1211, 1213, 1214, 1216 to 1221, 1224 to 1227, 1230, 1231, T-1233, 1234 to 1239, 1240 to 1244, 1251, 1253 to 1259, 1261 to 1263, 1265, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272 to 1279, 1282, 1285, 1289 to 1291, 1293 to 1295, 1297 to 1299, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1308, 1310, 1314, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330 to 1332, 1334, 1337 to 1341, 1347, 1351, 1353, 1357, 1359, 1361 to 1363, 1369, 1387, 1389, 1390, 1398, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1411, 1413 to 1421, 1423, 1425, 1433, 1440 to 1443, B-1648, 1703 to 1713, 1750 to 1756, 1770 to 1773, 1788, 1789, 1794 and the central magazine, Boy Scout's latrine and Coast Guard Station.

For information call Ernest Schallebaum at **561-6000**.

New deadline!

The *Star Presidian* deadline has changed. Anyone submitting material to the newspaper must now be sure it is received by the *Star Presidian* staff by the close of business **Thursday** for publication the following week. Anyone mising this deadline will not have announcements published until the next week.

Be sure that anything you submit is typed, double-spaced, uses civilian times and dates and includes a first name for the point of contact. Without this your item may be delayed or even sent back to have these things added by you.

The *Star Presidian* office is in bldg. 37, room 215.



Bill Malkiel adjusts the telecommunication center's monitoring equipment.

$480,000 facility

Teleconferencing center opens

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

A teleconferencing center, costing nearly $480,000, at Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters is scheduled to open mid-March.

Government officials using the facility, in the basement of bldg. 38, can send videotaped messages *as they speak*, and watch other officials respond.

According to a Forces Command representative, the center may cut Army expenses for training and related travel. Jan B. Canady said the room, which seats eight, can be used for small-scale seminars.

A teacher can face students thousands of miles away and speak to them, even answer their questions, on a one-to-one basis.

Ten Army teleconferencing centers were evaluated from July 1986 to June 1987, to see if they saved training and travel dollars, according to Dan Kugler, project manager specialist for AT&T.

Each time a meeting or training seminar was held over the teleconferencing network, officials reasoned they had saved travel expenses. Kugler said the test reflected an average savings of $100,000 a month during the test period.

However, he said, that number may be "misleading." Officials may have held more training sessions during the test than they would have without the teleconferencing center.

Another reason for including the Presidio in the network is that "it improves command capabilities," said Canady. "A commander can sit down and talk with all his subordinate com-

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Voices

CG Moore wishes post a healthful March



To all members of the Presidio family:

National Nutrition Month is a worthy effort to encourage all Americans to improve their nutrition knowledge for making healthy food choices.

For more than 15 years, millions of people have participated in this event. The health benefits of good nutrition are substantiated and well-known.

Therefore, I encourage recognition of March as National Nutrition Month by the entire Presidio of San Francisco community. Take advantage of the many nutrition education opportunities that will be available during March to "Choose Good Nutrition - For Today and Tomorrow!"

James E. Moore, Jr.
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding

CFC raises $3.1 million

Thanks to the contributions of more than 82,000 federal workers in the San Francisco Bay Area, the 1988-89 Combined Federal Campaign raised $3.1 million to be distributed among Bay Area and national charities.

The CFC is an annual charity drive sponsored by federal employees from the military, civilian and Postal Service. To honor the outstanding efforts of federal employees, the CFC celebrated meeting the challenge of their theme, "Caring for the Community," at a luncheon, attended by nearly 500 people, at the Presidio Officers' Club on Jan. 12.

Overall funds collected will be distributed to the needy through more than 650 human service agencies, addressing needs that range from homes for the homeless, single parents and battered children, to drug and alcohol abuse. Locally, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the Shanti Project, the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation and the Bay Area Cancer Society will receive generous donations.

"I'm proud of the tremendous efforts our federal employees have made through their time and effort to give something back to their communities," said CFC Chairman, Don Mings. "And I'm sure the needy people in this community, even though they won't get a chance to meet you, thank you."

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Sgt. Ronald Hancock, hospital food service steward, Letterman Army Medical Center: "The officers tell us what to do and we make it happen."



SSgt. Henry Lacking, NCOIC, dermatology clinic, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Hands-on leadership—taking what they've got and making the most of it."

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Pelosi added that no money can be made by selling Presidio property because the post is the only one on the list that would automatically revert to another federal agency should it be closed.

The Presidio would be run by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which is governed by the Department of the Interior. Pelosi said it would cost GGNRA $17 million to operate the facility after the Army leaves. That, plus the annual cost of closing LAMC would created an annual cost of $52.4 million.

Pelosi said if the post's operations and its units' operations were to cease, approximately $21.6 million would be saved; but, subtracted from the *$52 million annual cost* of closing the post, the taxpayer would still have to pay $26.3 million annually for closing the Presidio.

"One point to keep in mind is the mission isn't being cancelled or eliminated—it's being transferred, so the costs go on," she said. "Another point is the property cannot be sold; it reverts to another [federal] agency, so the maintenance costs will continue."

Murtha said the initial figures Boxer and Pelosi showed him indicated they had some valid arguments. He said the Department of the Interior estimated it would cost about $20 million to operated the Presidio as a park. That's more than the $15 million that Yellowstone, the country's largest park is asking for, he said.

Rep. Norman Dicks (D - Washington) said the Presidio was one of nine bases chosen by the General Accounting Office to review the methods the Base Closure Commission used to determine which bases should be closed or realigned.

"This review will give us in Congress a chance to look at the numbers the base commission has come up with versus the numbers our two colleagues [Boxer and Pelosi] have come up with," said Dicks, a member of the Military Construction Sub-Committee.

"If the figures that the congresswomen have found are accurate, then it does not make sense to close this post," added Murtha. "We've spent a lot of money on a new day care center, and a new commissary is being built. Letterman hospital serves almost 200,000 people who would have to go to CHAMPUS if the hospital closed. That would cost the taxpayer more money.

"If their [Boxer and Pelosi's] figures are accurate, then it certainly is not cost effective to close this base."

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manders at once. That's pretty important in a crisis or time of war," he added.

"Commanders can send a personal message and communicate much more effectively than if they had to rely on the phone alone," said William Malkiel, the center's operator and a post video cameraman.

Other teleconferencing centers are under construction at Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Forts Ord and Irwin in California.

The facility here uses five video cameras to send messages to other teleconferencing centers in the Defense Telecommunications Network. About 70 stations compose the system, according to Shirley S. Rascoe, project manager for AT&T, which designed and oversaw facility construction.

Incoming messages are shown on a single monitor. The whole set-up, in operation, resembles talking to your television set.

Up to 12 different stations in the network can speak to each other during the same conference, said Ulysses S. Moore, a post photographer and the center's second operator.

Malkiel said the center now has a list of problems, but is getting an overhaul from AT&T and other electronics experts.

He said although there are problems, "we haven't had a really bad transmission yet—one that you just couldn't understand."

Sometimes the message has been too clear. Last week, Malkiel was playing a soap opera—*All My Children*—to test the reception, when Army officials tuned in.

The technicians, from a teleconferencing center in Los Alamos, N.M., heard sobs, moans, and a heartrending story about someone needing a divorce and an eye operation.

"I didn't know they were there," said Malkiel. "Suddenly I saw six teary-eyed people looking at me on the video-screen.

"One said, 'My God, what's wrong, Bill?'"

"Nothing," he said. "Nothing at all."

They thought he was shy about some personal problem, so he had to broadcast the soap before they'd believe him.

Malkiel said the problems are "minimal" and that no delays in the March 17 opening are expected.

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Employee Development Assistant (Typing): 230-89(DR), GS-203-5/6/7, closes March 1.
Teller: 232-89(GC), GS-530-4/5, closes March 3.
Safety and Occupational Health Specialist: 233-89(MS), GS-018-11, closes March 3.
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For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at 561-5732, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

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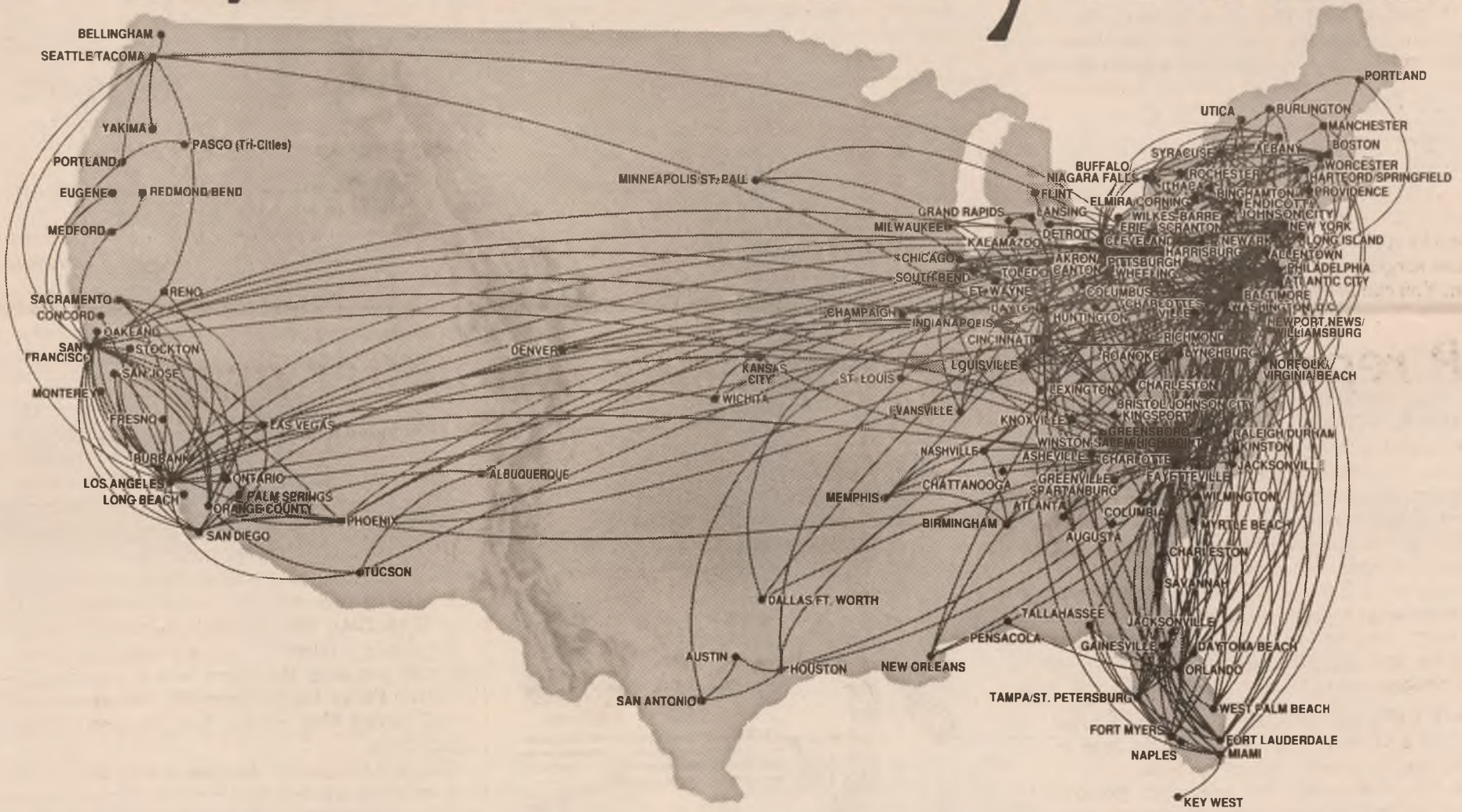
An immodest proposal

"Will you be my life?" asks Michael P. Hampton of Pamela T. Barry on Valentine's Day in an off-post restaurant. Hampton, a position classifications specialist for the post's Civilian Personnel Directorate, proposed to Pamela after he dismounted from a white charger named Mosby. Pamela answered, "Of course. Why aren't you at work?"



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Pluses, minuses

'All-around' soldier takes Sixth Army title

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Sixth U.S. Army is sending one of its soldiers to "beat the odds" in Reno, Nev., this week.

Spec. Willie J. Williams, the Headquarters Sixth Army Soldier of the Year, will compete against more than 50 enlisted soldiers in a Reno board which will name Sixth Army's soldier in the 12 Western states.

Williams, an administration specialist with Sixth Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel, said he's competing for the title because he didn't want to "just drop into an office job." He explained, "I want to be an all-around soldier."

The best way to get there, he feels, is the extra training required for the boards. You can settle for what the Army's schedule asks for, or you can shoulder extra work to round out your skills. Williams has chosen the latter.

"Boards give you a better chance to keep your skills at readiness—prepared for combat," he explained. The boards test your knowledge of basic tasks like guard duty, how to make minor repairs to a weapon that misfires, and how to administer first aid.

'Put up or fold'

Even the setting is more combative than training's normal grind, where soldiers work *en masse*, and peers can miss their mistakes. Williams explained the difference: "You're alone and you've got three sergeants major staring you down, grilling you. You can get pretty nervous," he admitted.

Williams called his training for the board "high intensity, high-impact study." Two weeks before the test he began reading over the material. With one week left, he was studying on his lunch break and having his wife, Angela, play sergeant major in the evenings.

The two would face off over the dinner table late at night, with her trading questions for answers. The audience was their 3-year-old daughter, Tamika.

"Angela wanted to help me because she thinks I'm dedicated," Williams, said, "which I am."

High-impact study

Dedication, he knows, is a wonderful quality, but dedication alone will not earn a title in Reno. Applied wisely, he feels, it will. One of the examiners at Williams' board, SGM Ted L. Disney, said Williams has doubled his chance to win in Reno—if he learns from his mistakes.

Williams, who had never appeared before a board, said he was "extremely nervous" and somewhat unfamiliar with one of the subjects tested, the foundation of military customs.

"Your blood tends to race," he explained. "Things that you thought you knew, suddenly you can't recall."

"Fifty percent of being smart is knowing what you're dumb at," said Disney, senior U.S. Army Reserves enlisted advisor for Sixth Army.

"To improve yourself, you've got to find out where you're weak and where you're strong," he said. "That's good self-analysis. [Williams has] a better chance to win at a board because he knows what he needs to work on."



Spec. Williams studies with wife, Angela.

The 24-year-old said he's studying even harder to weigh the odds in his favor in Reno. "The stakes are out," he said soberly.

"And *I know I have to either put up or fold.*"

MP report: vandalism, trespassing fill blotter pages

by Patrick R. Wilson

The following is a recap of 10 days of criminal activity on the Presidio. If you observe a crime you can report it to the Military Police at **561-2252** or **561-5656**. If you have information that a crime has been committed and it is *not* an emergency, call the Presidio Crime Line at **561-CRIM(E)**. You may leave a one-minute message. Please give as much information as possible relating to the crime. You may remain anonymous if you wish. If one minute is not long enough, just call back and continue your message.

Feb. 1, 1:19 p.m.: An unknown person(s) gained access into a Quarry Road quarters that was left unlocked and removed a stereo system.

Feb. 2, 10:48 a.m.: An unknown person(s) removed 200 feet of 3/4-inch rubber-coated copper welding cable from the back of a DEH welding truck parked beside bldg. 283.

Feb. 3, 10:35 a.m.: An unknown person(s) removed a tool bag from bldg. 1347. The bag had not been left unsecured.

Feb. 3, 7:50 p.m.: A Navy petty officer was charged with larceny after AAFES employees saw her place a bottle of pain reliever in her purse and leaving the new Shopette without paying.

Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.: An unknown person(s) removed a stereo system, two alarm clock radios, a telephone, 12 cassette tapes and one album from a soldier's room in bldg. 1204.

Feb. 5, 12:22 a.m.: A local resident drove his car in a reckless manner and struck a telephone pole. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license in addition to reckless driving.



Feb. 5,11:50 p.m.: A local resident was approached by the MPs on the corner of Presidio and Lombard Streets after he was observed by the MPs yelling while walking down the street. The MPs detected a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. While attempting to interview him he became belligerent and was apprehended. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting a peace officer.

Feb. 6, 11:15 a.m.: A woman was apprehended after she was stopped by the MPs for speeding and was found to be driving on a suspended license and a warrant for her arrest that was issued by the San Francisco Police Department.

Feb. 7, 11:19 p.m.: While making a routine security check at the Fort Mason Officers' Club, the MPs found a back window broken and the back door ajar. While checking the inside, the MPs found a man asleep on top of an oven. He was apprehended and charged with malicious mischief and trespassing. The man later admitted he broke into the club on five earlier occasions.

Feb. 8, 3:15 a.m.: While on routine patrol, the MPs saw two men enter the woodline area next to bldg. 1648. Both were stopped and identified. One of the men was found to have a warrant for his arrest still pending that was issued by the San Francisco Police Department. He was apprehended and turned over the the San Francisico Police Department.

Feb. 9, 7:05 a.m.: A Presidio soldier found that the rear right window to his car had been broken by an unknown person(s) and that some luggage had been taken.

Feb. 10, 4:59 p.m.: A local city resident saw two men breaking into a car on Baker Beach. They fled the area with a backpack containing 67 cassette tapes, a brown jacket and a camera. After searching the area, the MPs found the backpack with all but 10 of the cassettes inside.

The following is a breakdown of the traffic tickets that were issued during January:

- Parking: 86.
- Failure to stop: 49.
- Speeding: 54.
- Registration/suspended license: 53.
- Driving under the influence: 1.
- Other non-moving: 8.
- Other moving: 77

Total: 328.

Community Life Program

Mayor's Zone awaits new residents, volunteers

by Steve Morey

Picture, if you will, a newly arrived soldier and his family on the Presidio. Knowing no one, the family hears a knock on the door. The door opens, revealing a smiling woman, an outstretched hand and a friendly, "Hello!" They don't know it, but the post's newest residents just entered into the *Mayor's Zone*.

Unlike the television program, the post's Community Life (Mayor) Program's goal is to—among a number of things—keep any "unearthly" happenings from surprising new post housing residents.

"The goal of our program," explained Anthony Powell, the program manager, "is to provide a direct line of communication between housing residents and the garrison commander [Col. Joseph V. Rafferty]."

Making the move

Moving to a new area can be, at times, traumatic. Powell said the program's 23 mayors try to make the transition as easy as possible.

"When [new residents] move into one of our housing areas, that [area's] mayor is told about the new family through Army Community Service. The respective mayor then gives them a welcome packet and a house nameplate.

"At the same time, the mayor and the new family get to see who each other area. Just the fact of having someone to visit your quarters is reassuring. Moving to a new post can be stressful, complicated and confusing," explained Powell.

"A new-found friendship can help out a lot."

Just ask Vini Kahao, mayor of the 800 Quarry Road area and wife of SFC George K. Kahao. Since becoming a mayor in September 1988, Kahao's experienced personal growth along with helping her community voice its concerns.

"I'm getting to know a lot more of my residents [48 families] and I've gained more confidence. I'm not as shy as I used to be."

Mayors are volunteers

As far as her mayoral duties, Kahao and her fellow residents now have a refurbished playground on the corner of Quarry Road and MacArthur Avenue. Powell said playground repairs and clean-up was a post-wide project.

In addition, Vini said she plans to publish a residents' directory with a list of their hobbies and interests for future event planning.

Said Powell, "Our mayors, as volunteers, have unique, 24-hour, seven-day-a-week jobs and are asked to do things beyond the call of duty."

He said the mayor progam needs six more volunteers (women or men) to ensure all 29 post housing areas are represented.

Mayors are needed for the Funston Avenue area; the 700 Liggett Avenue area; the 800 MacArthur Avenue homes; the 1200 Ramsel-Lendrum Court area; two mayors for the 1500 Pershing area; and Fort Barry.



"Mayors serve as a voice for the community," added Powell, "meeting with Col. Rafferty, myself and members of the post directorates" at bimonthly Community Action Council meetings.

(The next CAC meeting, is March 23 in the Religious Activities Center.)

Powell said the meetings are attended by "everyone who needs to know what's going on in the housing areas," including post directorate staff members and ACS Chief Starine Cheek. Housing area coordinators (the highest ranking soldier in each area) are also invited to attend.

Also, Powell has monthly mayors' meetings on Thursdays at ACS with the mayors, assistant mayors, mayor advisers, and guest speakers (such as Energy Office and Directorate of Engineering and Housing staff members).

The mayors, in turn, hold neighborhood meetings for residents' concerns, ideas and suggestions.

Communication link

What's the greatest benefit of the post mayor program? "Lines of communication remain open and flowing," said Powell. "It's very important for residents on post to know what goes into policy and decision-making procedures."

Indeed, one mayor of about 30 families says she sees herself as a "communication link" between her neighbors, ACS and Rafferty.

"I relay any special concerns from my people through the command channels," said Lucie C. Medbery, wife of Maj. Charles H. Medbery and mayor of the 1300 Kobbe area, including Barnard Hall. One concern was the need for new playground equipment in the Kobbe playground.

"The area is now more attractive for families to visit because it also has picnic tables, benches and garbage cans for people to put their trash in," said Lucie, who became a mayor in September along with Vini Kahao.

Lucie also publishes and delivers the **Kobbe Khronicle** newsletter; and, during the holiday season, Lucie arranged tours of some neighbors' decorated homes.

Self Help Center

Speaking of homes, the opening of the new Self Help Center has post residents sprucing up their quarters which, according to Powell, helps solve many problems at the lowest possible command level.

"Before the excuse was, 'There's no power mower to cut my grass,' or 'There's no paint to paint my quarters.' With the new Self-Help Center," explained Powell, "residents get the instructions and equipment to make repairs.

"When you fix it yourself, you get a sense of ownership—and with ownership comes pride." Powell said this is another example of how the mayor program "helps residents help themselves."

Helping Powell with the mayor program are three "mayor advisers," former mayors who served one year and, according to the program manager, were too valuable to lose.

"We created the position [of mayor adviser] for their help in mayor recruitment and training," he said. "With their experiences as mayors, they're able to have more of a say in the management of the mayor program."

If you'd like to volunteer as a mayor, or would like more information about the mayor's program, call Powell at **561-5057**. Post housing areas include the Presidio, Forts Mason, Baker, Barry, Cronkhite and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

Vini Kahao said she was "hesitant" when she considered volunteering; but four or five residents said she'd make a good mayor. She says to prospective mayors: "Don't be afraid—you *will* get the support."

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Staying Alive

'Invisible' post soldiers learn survival art

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Soldiers, every now and then, want to be invisible: When the sergeant major approaches and you're nibbling your mustache into regulation; when the portable latrines are full and your company is called out for detail; or, when someone, with sincerity, wants to kill you.

If you're targeted by the enemy, camouflaging yourself becomes more than a way to paint yourself invisible. It becomes survival art.

"If you can't be seen, you can't get shot," explains SFC Nicholas Clear.

Clear, training NCO at U.S. Army Garrison, says many soldiers don't understand how to blend into the crowd—a crowd of bushes that is. Putting vegetation in your belt and helmet breaks up your outline, but what's used has to be carefully selected.

"Soldiers might stop in a field and pick flowers to stick into their helmets," says the former Ranger instructor.

"But flowers don't get up and walk around. The idea is to match the look of your surroundings—without being too colorful. Plain green camouflage isn't going to attract your eye as much as a helmet full of flowers," he explains.

SSgt. Thomas Hayes, Ceremonial Platoon NCOIC, agrees. "Soldiers don't select their vegetation according to their work site. They'll pick their camouflage in the assembly area—a field for instance—and then move into the forest.

"Of course, they aren't effectively camouflaged then."



SSgt. Thomas Hayes uses natural vegetation to break the outline of Ceremonial Platoon's Spec. James L. Marquis, a ceremonial specialist.

Hayes said soldiers are making another deadly mistake when they camouflage with short-lived vegetation. These wilt quickly and, when the soldier is moving through a healthy field or forest, actually *point* him out.



Going for the throat, Hayes finishes Marquis' facial.

Hayes noted that if your mission requires you to work in a field you'll have to continually check your camouflage for wilting.

If possible, he said, use vegetation with hard, waxy leaves when you're moving through a forest. He lists pin oak, maple, beech, and hickory leaves as examples. All last longer than grasses and soft stemmed plants.

What not to use is nettle, poison ivy or poison oak.

(Personal aside: Let's face it; if you're that dumb, you'll probably blend perfectly into your surroundings and then shoot yourself in the foot.)

"Don't overdo it to the point that you look like a Christmas tree," warned Clear.

To hide unnatural colors and shine, soldiers can use camo sticks, mud or charcoal, Clear said. He notes that these too, are often applied wrong.

Light green, goes inside the eye sockets and ears, under the chin and on the back of the neck. Dark colors, loam and black, should be used on the chin bones, forehead and nose, Clear said.

Your weapon and personal equipment should get the same treatment, but camouflage must not interfere with their function. Putting mud or sticks near an M-16's ejection port, for instance, may prove as fatal as not concealing it at all.

If camouflage slows or jams your weapon, you may be able to hide, but you cannot fight.

Another mistake, Hayes noted, is taking camouflage training from the movies. "That tiger stripe stuff on your face looks good, but it's still wrong." Hayes said the only places where "tiger stripes" actually work, is on the hands, and on the front and back of the neck.

Like vegetation, camo sticks and mud lose their effectiveness over time, said Clear. Heat, perspiration, and abrasion all work to wear it away. Once again, continually check yourself and your buddy, he said.

Don't forget to camouflage jewelry, said Sgt. Walter J. Fonseca, training NCO for Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

Fonseca noted that soldiers often leave watches, rings and necklaces unconcealed. He suggested wrapping a burlap strip around watches. (There's a Velcro band you can buy for the same task, but Fonseca said they're nearly worthless.)

Even easier than camouflaging jewelry, he said, is taking it off.

Lastly, Clear said soldiers are afraid to put camouflage on because they believe it will give them a rash. Not true, he said. The waxy stuff is hypo-allergenic, meaning it's safe for your skin. (If you have "normal" skin, said an NCO at the Letterman Army Medical Center dermatology clinic.)

"I've worn it for months at a time," Clear said, "and it hasn't hurt me.

"I'm still as handsome as ever."



Spec. Marquis gets hands-on camouflage training.

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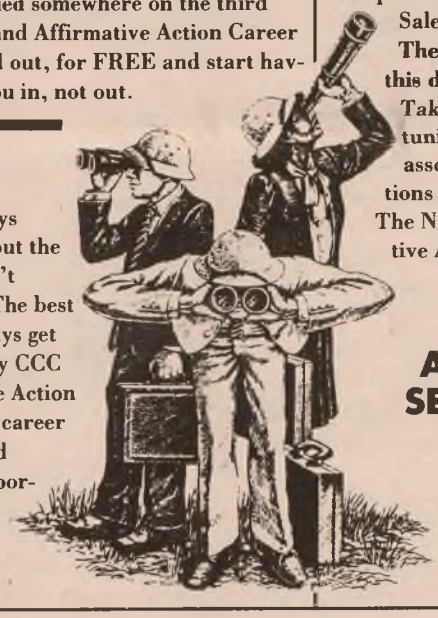
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Sports

Defending champ Co. A, LAMC cruises, 91-53

by Steve Morey

Co. A, LAMC remained undefeated in post Intramural Full-court Basketball League play, trouncing a gutsy LAIR team, 91-53 in Gym No. 1, Feb, 16.

The 8-0 league-leaders used fast-break buckets and half-court pressure to build a 56-25 halftime lead. Four LAMC players scored in double-figures while their pressure defense forced numerous LAIR turnovers.

LAIR actually led, 13-11, five minutes into the game, tantalizing the crowd and befuddling the LAMC squad. But LAIR's moment in the spotlight was short-lived.

LAMC tied it at 13 apiece at 9:44 on one of 10 to 12 court-long passes to a LAMC player at the other end of the court. Then, LAMC rattled off a 14-4 surge to lead 27-17 with 5 minutes to go in the half.

LAMC never looked back.

'Kareem' visits

The highlight of the game was LAMC's Richard Rogers' "Kareem" hook shots from just off the paint along the baseline. Rogers, number 21, scored 21 points, high for LAMC.

Just like he predicted before the game.

"I was in the mess hall before the game and sitting with Kevin Brooks [LAIR's floor leader]," said the smiling Rogers. "I bet him that I'd score 20, 21 points tonight. And I did; 21 for number 21."

Rogers hit one hook just before the half, sending the LAMC side of the house into a frenzied cheer. The "big guy" hit his other "Kareem" later in the game.

The second frame featured LAMC three-on-ones, half-court presses and fancy passing. At one point, the LAMC squad led, 62-33.

However, LAIR didn't quit. With only five players for the game, they hustled and harangued LAMC players into giving the ball up on several plays.

But, the deficit was too large to overcome and LAMC poured on the offense to lead 85-42 with about 3:00 to play.

Strong finish

LAMC's Wayne Rogers added driving layups, alert steals and 18 points while Rick Acuna controlled the boards, adding 15.

Terry Ashley's quick passes led to several assists and 12 points for the game.

LAIR countered with Brooks, who scored a game-high 26 points and pulled in a ton of LAIR's rebounds. Brooks was helped by Rob Sullivan's 13 points and ball-handling skills.

"It was an exciting game," said Richard Rogers. "We sort of came out slow in the beginning but finished strong—as usual."

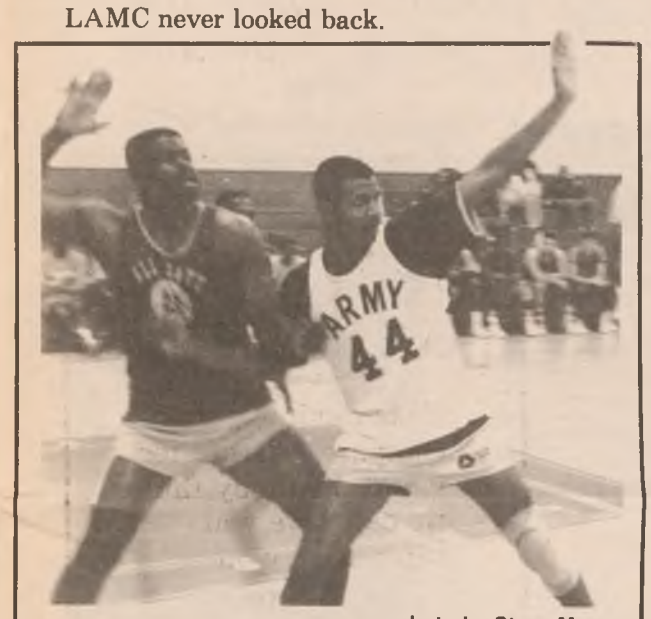
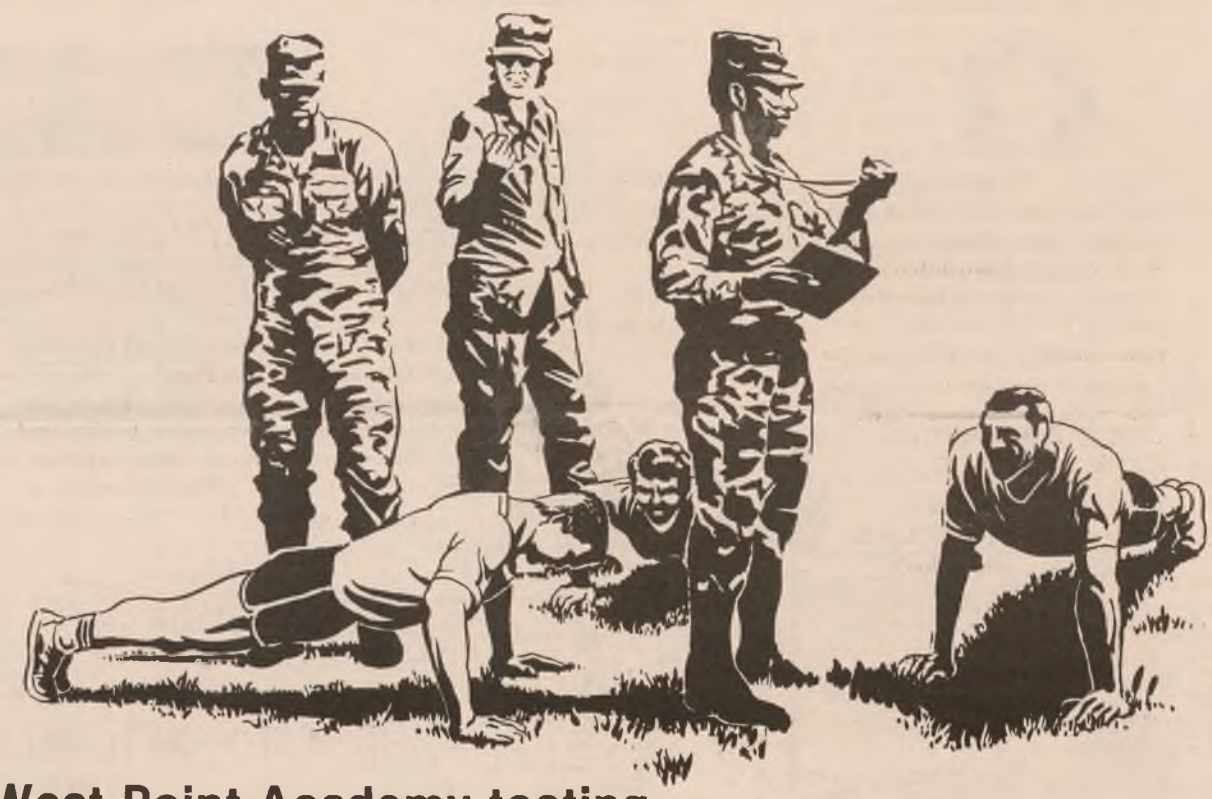


photo by Steve Morey

Army sinks Navy—twice!

All-army forward, Jarvis Anderson, holds his defensive ground against All-Navy's Raymond Lettsome during the All-Army tourney Feb. 11 and 12 on post. The Army champs defeated Navy, 108-94; then traveled to South Lake Tahoe, Nev., to again beat Navy, 114-94, at the 23rd annual Washington Basketball tourney Feb. 18 and 19. (The champs' story and photos in next week's *Star Presidian.*)



West Point Academy testing

Post Gym No. 1 will be used to test West Point Academy candidates on March 5. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and will reopen after the test.

All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

Sports Notes

Nautilus® exercise machine instruction

The Sports Branch Staff is giving Nautilus® exercise machine instruction to the adult military community. Free classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at Gym. No. 1. Unit instruction is available by submitting a written request to the Sports Branch, Attn: Robert Darling, fitness instructor.

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Basketball results

Full court

Feb. 13: USAG vs. DOL, 53-49; 864th Engineers vs. LAIR, 44-39.

Feb. 14: Co. A, LAMC vs. Co. B, LAMC, 73-39.

Feb. 15: Sixth Army vs. LEC, 62-31; 864th Engineers vs. VA Hospital, 57-47.

Feb. 16: DOL vs. MI BN, 71-20; Co. A, LAMC vs, LAIR, 91-53.

Standings (as of Feb. 17)

Full Court

	W	L
Co. A, LAMC	8	0
USAG	6	1
Co. B, LAMC	6	2
DOL	5	2
Sixth Army	5	3
864th Engineers	5	4
LAIR	5	4
VA	4	5
MI BN	3	6
LEC	1	5
USAISC	dropped out	

Half court

	W	L
Logistics	9	0
89ners	8	1
DCSOPS	8	2
SJA	7	2
LAMC No. 2	5	4
Co. B, LAMC	5	5
DCSPER	4	6
MI BN	3	6
Vet Svcs	dropped out	
Sixth Army	dropped out	
USAISC	dropped out	

The top six teams from each league will go to the Post Championships, starting March 20.

Next week's schedule

Full court

Feb. 27: USAG vs. Sixth Army, 5 p.m.; VA Hospital vs. LEC, 6 p.m..

Feb. 28: DOL vs. Co. B, LAMC, 5 p.m.; MI BN vs. Sixth Army, 6 p.m.

March 1: 864th Engineers vs. LEC, 5 p.m.; USAG vs. Co. B, LAMC, 6 p.m.

March 2: DOL vs. LAIR, 5 p.m.

Half court

Feb. 27: 89ers vs. SJA, 11:30 a.m.; MI BN vs. Logistics, noon.

Feb. 28: Co. B, LAMC vs. DCSOPS, 11:30 a.m.; LAMC No. 2 vs. SJA, noon.

March 1: DCSPER vs. Logistics, 11:30 a.m.; 89ers vs. MI BN, noon.

March 2: Co. B, LAMC vs. SJA, 11:30 a.m.; DCSOPS vs. Logistics, noon.

March 3: LAMC No. 2 vs. MI BN, 11:30 a.m.; DCSPER vs. 89ers, noon.

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Community Calendar

A.C.T. celebrates Black History

The American Conservatory Theatre will be performing "Joe Turner's Come and Gone." A.C.T. will sell half-price tickets to soldiers on the day of the performance when they show their military ID cards. For information, call **673-6440.**

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop's **Saturday opening** and **Flea Market** will be March 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table, valid military ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an additional charge for extra space. No reservation is needed. Reservists may rent vendor space after showing a valid military ID card and a current LES.

POWC donations

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club will accept requests for welfare donations until March 15. Request forms are available from Welfare Chairman, Marilyn Sobke, at 1332 Wright Loop, Presidio.

Welfare donations are made by POWC to local organizations to help with community service programs. Organizations must forward requests, explaining the amount needed for a specific program and outlining how the funds will be used. The deadline is March 15.

For information, call **561-3632.**

ACS job opening

Food Basket Coordinator, part-time, 12-14 hours a week, $50 a week; closes Feb. 22

Call ACS at **561-5057** or **561-5156** for more information.

Catholic Chapel services

Lenten Services will be: daily Mass at 11:35 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

AUSA luncheon

The March AUSA luncheon will be March 7 at the post NCO/Enlisted Club. Rear Admiral David M. Lichtman, the commander of the Naval Medical Command Northwest Region will be the guest speaker. A no-host reception starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $7 and reservations must be made by March 1. For information, call CSM McVey or 2nd Lt. Osinski at **561-4373** or **561-2153.**



Pro christens pins

photo by Steve Morey

Pro Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Mike McGrath contributes a strike during the grand opening of the post's Bowling Center Feb. 15. More than 250 people attended the gala affair.

SATO travel

If you are an active duty soldier, and would like a night in the city, the Hotel Atherton offers $49 rate for a single or double room (rate includes a free full American breakfast)! Children under 12 years old stay free.

See SATO for ski packages, cruises to Mexico and tours to Hawaii.

Art Exhibition and sale

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club and the Letterman Auxiliary invite you and your guests to attend an art exhibition and sale March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Presidio Officers' Club. The exhibition is presented by the San Francisco Society of Fine Arts. Admission is free and there will be door prizes and a no-host bar.

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Swan Lake Ballet

The San Francisco Ballet's *Swan Lake* tickets are on sale for $22. This special presentation is available at a $3 savings.

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With your "wild card" you will save 30 percent or $5 off the regular price for park admission. This offer is good until March 17.

Another whale watching trip!!

The first tour sold out so another one is scheduled for those of you who thought you missed out! The trip is out of Half Moon Bay's Pillar Point Harbor on March 11. The cost is $30.

Great America is Opening!!

March 11 is Great America's grand opening for the 1989 season. ITT has discount tickets for adults and children.

For information about any of these events call or visit the ITT Office, bldg. 215, **561-3992.**

Ed Center info

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given, April 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee but you must order your exam by tomorrow.

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For information call or visit a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or **561-4445** or LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**

POWC scholarships

Applications for Presidio Officers' Wives' Club scholarships will be available after March 1. These scholarships will be awarded to current members of POWC and/or the sons or daughters of POWC members.

Applicants must be enrolled in or applying for enrollment in an accredited college or university or an accredited vocational course. Study should start no later than Feb. 1, 1990.

Scholarship forms and instructions may be obtained from Marilyn Sobke, 1332 Wright Loop, Presidio; Arietta Valenti, 334 Infantry Terrace, Presidio; or Mary Jo Swift, Quarters 4N, Fort Mason. All applications and materials must be returned to Marilyn Sobke, Welfare Chairman, no later than April 10.

For information about scholarships, call **567-3632.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Feb. 23: Moon Over Parador (PG-13), 7 p.m. Richard Dryefus, Sonia Braga. While on location in the Latin American country of Parador, a U.S. actor is kidnapped and forced to play the role of the nation's dictator.

Fri, Feb. 24: Mystic Pizza (R), 7 p.m. Annabeth Gish, Julia Roberts. A zany, madcap romp through the turmoil of romantic entanglements of three young waitresses in a small New England town.

Sat, Feb. 25: Twins (PG), 7 p.m. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. The hilarious adventures of scientifically created identical twins who were separated at birth and are now searching for their long-lost mother.

Sun, Feb. 26: Twins (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 27: Twins (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 28: A Cry in the Dark (PG-13), 7 p.m. Meryl Streep, Sam Neill. A young mother finds herself the object of religious intolerance, media sensationalism and national hatred after the death of her 9-week-old-baby.

Wed, Mar. 1: Bat 21 (R), 7 p.m. Gene Hackman, Danny Glover. The true story of Lt. Col. Iceal Hambleton who was forced to parachute into enemy-infest Vietnam jungle, but survived on his own until he was rescued.

Thu, Mar. 2: Oliver and Company (G), 7 p.m. Animated feature loosely based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist." This delightful dog-and-cat comedy features a pack of misfit mongrels and an orphaned kitten.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Feb. 24	Caddyshack (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat, Feb. 25	Dot and Keeto (G)	1 p.m.
Sat, Feb. 25	Cocktail (R)	7 p.m.

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News Briefs

Commissary Council meeting

The PSF Commissary Council meeting will be held tomorrow, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissary Conference Room, bldg. 252.

Temporary employees health benefit program

Temporary employees are now eligible to enroll on an employee-pay-all basis in the Federal Employee Health Benefit program after they have completed one year of current continuous employment. The initial open season for those currently eligible to enroll will be March 14 through April 14.

Brochures are not yet available from Office of Personnel Management; but should be available by March 14. Eligible temporary employees interested in enrolling should call the CPD at 561-3016 or 561-3017.

Burger King hiring

The post Burger King is now accepting applications for employment for all shifts and all positions. The starting pay is $6.10 an hour. Apply at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Personnel Office, bldg. 1161, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 922-0192.

Letterman blood drive

The Letterman Army Medical Center and Letterman Army Institute of Research blood drive is March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and March 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The blood drive will be in LAMC's Schwartz Theater.

This joint effort supports Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center at Fort Ord, Calif.

For more information, call Capt. Elaine S. Perry at 561-2560.

VA insurance hoax

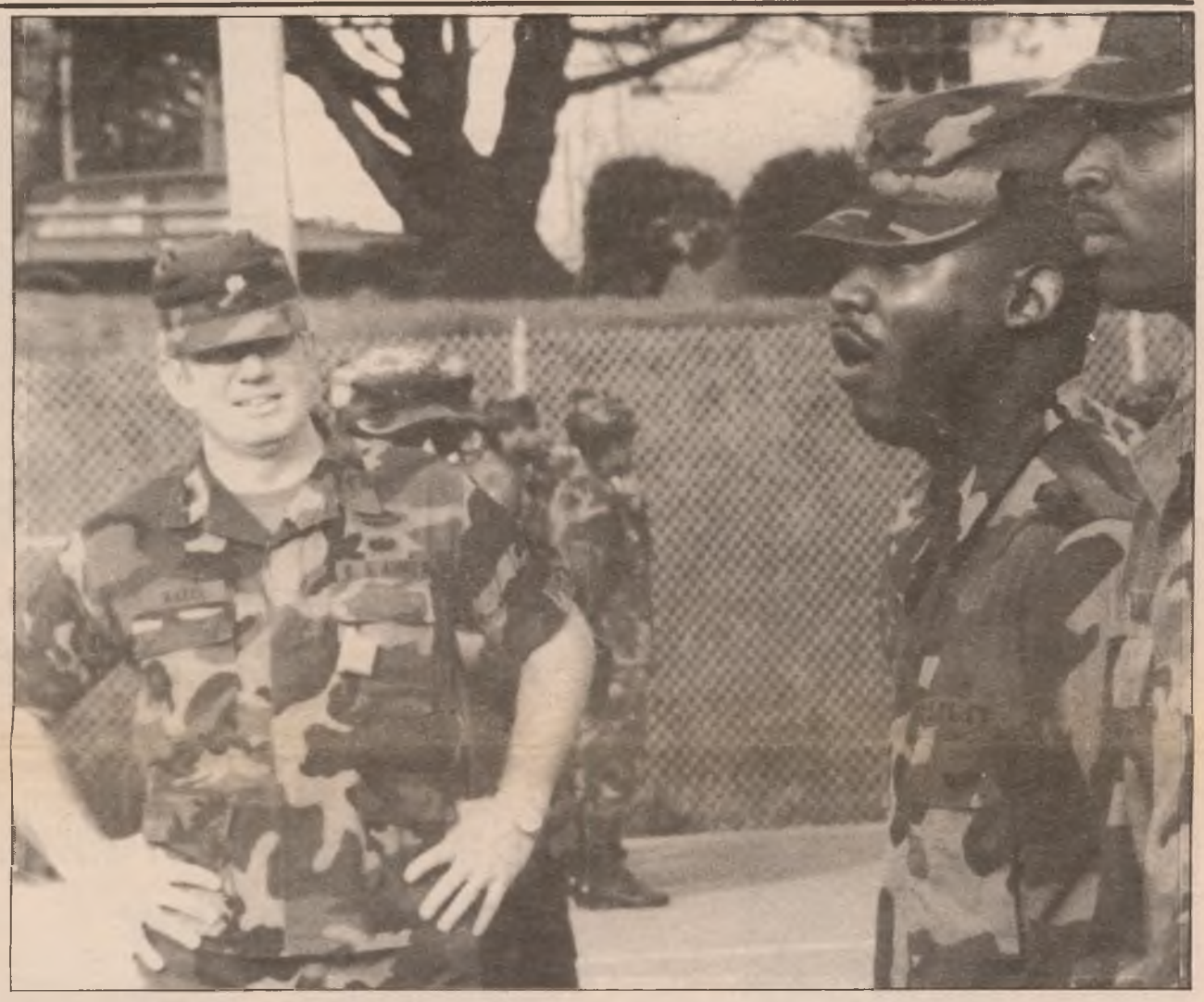
A GI insurance dividend hoax that first appeared more than 25 years ago continues to plague veterans.

The Veterans Administration insurance center in Philadelphia reports it is receiving between 7,000 and 15,000 applications a week for a non-existent dividend.

The hoax causes thousands of veterans and dependents wasted effort.

Veterans and dependents with questions about government life insurance policies can phone a VA insurance specialist toll-free throughout the United States. Insurance holders and beneficiaries can get immediate service on address or policy changes, dividend information and other actions, by calling 1-800-422-8079, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Veterans Administration



Lt. Col. Razel inspects Headquarters Company, USAG troops.

Battalion cdr chooses Army

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

The top officer at Headquarters Command Battalion once studied in the Christian Brothers Seminary and considered living a life of poverty, obedience and chastity.

But Lt. Col. John M. Razel had to settle for the second vow when he quit the religious order in 1962 and was later drafted into the Army.

"Those were some pretty tough vows," said Razel, battalion commander, explaining why he left the seminary one week before he was to immerse himself in the Catholic teaching order. He had invested a year at the Ammendale, Md., theology school.

"I felt that you had to be truly pious to take those vows, and I felt I wasn't pious enough.

"I would have always wondered, 'Should I have, could I have ..." his soft voice trails off. "I think God had something else planned for me."

And He did. Vietnam.

The bloodiest year

After attending John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, as a history major, Razel left for Southeast Asia. He took his vow of obedience in the Army, 1966; first as a private, then as a graduate of the Officer Candidate School.

It was a harsh change from the extreme piety of a Christian school, to the extreme of officer's school. "They were making cannon fodder for Vietnam. It was the most dehumanizing thing I've ever gone through," Razel said.

"I hated the school with a passion and I figured I'd do my time and get out. But I had a good friend, a drill sergeant, who said, 'You know you can do this standing on your head. You can change things once you get commissioned.'"

Crusading wasn't the order of business when he first stood under the gold lieutenant's bars in 1967. It was enough just to be alive.

As a platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division, he fought in the battles for Hue, and the Ashau Valley during the Tet offensive. It was the war's bloodiest year.

"We were concerned with day-to-day survival," said Razel. "Soldiers kept calendars on their helmets," he explained. "Two hundred forty days and a wake-up. Two hundred thirty-nine days and a wake-up. Each man lived by his own clock."

Coming home

He said these were his lessons:

"Soldiers don't die for their flag. They die for each other.

"If there's a diplomatic solution to an international conflict; then, for God's sake, we ought to use it.

"War is carnage."

He left the fields and forests of Vietnam in 1969, only to find another war at home. Flags were burning in America. A soldier in uniform, on city

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Voices

NCOs earn *respect*

by Liz Greeley

If you think the "Year of the NCO" is just another public relations piece from DA that the *Star Presidian* dutifully will play up... Wake up and smell the GI coffee.

An NCO isn't just a soldier who just stayed in long enough to get his or her stripes—he or she **earned** them. And whether you're a soldier or a civilian, the top NCO in your outfit can be your best ally.

While I'll be the first to admit *all* NCOs don't exactly walk on water; I will tell you what I've observed.

You can expect a good NCO to:

• Be wise. Do you have trouble with a soldier? Ask "Sarge"; he's (or she's) worked with all types, and he probably can tell you *exactly* how to handle this one.

• Perform miracles. Though nobody *really* knows how they do this (at least they can't prove it in court); if you **need** equipment/personnel/whatever, one day it will magically appear.

• Know what's going on *every*-where. You thought what you were working on was secret?! It is to laugh. Sarge knows! You *did* know he's psychic, didn't you?

• Help you when no one else can. It doesn't matter what the problem is; a good NCO is part chaplain, part personnel manager, part efficiency expert, part Father Flanagan and part magician. That's why the good ones aren't worth their weight in gold—try diamonds.

• Save your life. Literally. Sometimes it happens; four years ago I never would have woke up from a coma if it hadn't been for *our* NCO. If (now) MSgt. T. R. Weller Jr. hadn't broken into my apartment, I wouldn't be writing this editorial now. If not for him, I'd be buried in some grave in rural Texas.

So please forgive me if I forget sometimes and use the masculine gender when writing about NCOs. Whenever I think of an NCO, I think of MSgt. Weller.

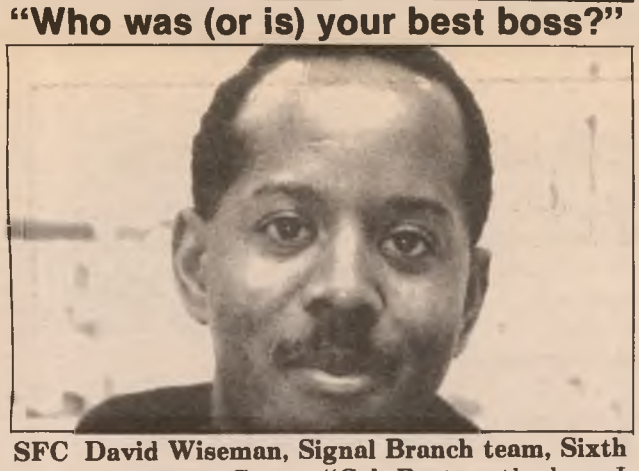
One last thought: If *you* find an NCO you respect as much as I do MSgt. Weller; hope that one day he or she will respect you as much.



USAG's SSgt. Sheldon W. Martin calls out his orders. photo by Joel P. Smith

Ramblin' Sam

"Who was (or is) your best boss?"



SFC David Wiseman, Signal Branch team, Sixth Army Readiness Group: "Col. Burton, the boss I have now. He's concerned with the assistance we provide [the Army Reserve and National Guard], He's not looking over our shoulders all the time. He gives us the freedom to do our jobs."



PFC John Cloutier, operating room technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "A fire captain I had when I was with the state Department of Forestry. He was a leader. I wasn't afraid to follow him anywhere."

Letter to the Editor

Unknown Presidian saves the day

Many times in the daily routine of our lives, especially work, we have the opportunity to assist someone, to make life just a little bit easier. But. . . do we?

I say,"yes, there are lovely generous people out there, and I would like to express my thanks to one of them today."

I do not know his name, and I do not know whether he is a civilian or a military employee. I do know he came to my aid the evening of Feb. 8.

Remember when we were all freezing and did not want to walk anywhere? I know he wanted to get into his car and be warm too; however, he saw that I could not get my car started and offered to help me. Together we managed to analyze the situation and get old Betsy going again.

This Good Samaritan's deed took place on the main parking lot behind bldg. 34. To better assist the gentleman in refreshing his memory: my battery cable needed a twist to make a connection, not a new battery.

So please, Good Samaritan, allow me to publicly thank you, whoever you are. I was, and still am, most grateful.

Elayne Werner



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streets, was as likely to wear spit on his breast as a purple heart.

After a battle in Hue, he had led his men into a medical bunker taken from the enemy. Inside was a stock of plasma with this greeting: *To our friends, the North Vietnamese, from your friends at the University of California at Berkeley.*

"The guys in my unit from Kentucky and Tennessee had a hard time understanding that the University of California was part of America.

"They wanted to know what they were doing helping the enemy then."

"It was a tough time to be in the Army," Razel said.

He took a position as an ROTC instructor at Missouri Western State College in 1972, where, he said, the military life "was still considered to be a wise and a noble profession."

In 1972 he finished his bachelor's degree in political science and history at the University of Nebraska. His master's in business administration he earned from Northwest Missouri State University in 1975.

Writes Congressional bill

Not many political science students use their education in quite the way Razel did. As a staff officer at the Pentagon in 1985, Razel, along with two other Army officials, wrote a bill for Congress.

It was designed to give government support to the families who had lost servicemembers in the Dec. 12, 1985 air crash in Gander, Newfoundland, which killed 248 men.

Most were soldiers stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., returning for Christmas from duty in the Sinai.

At the time of the disaster, a public law cut government support from a servicemembers' family at the time of his or her death. Razel said this, for instance, meant wives living in government quarters, upon their husband's death, instantly became renters.

"There were a lot of people who thought that was archaic, morally wrong and cruel," said Razel.

Razel was working in the Office of the Chief of Staff of Personnel and saw this as an opportunity to right an entrenched wrong.

His bill proposed to give survivors three months rent-free quarters, on or off-post. Survivors, under the legislation, also would receive the service members life insurance, which wasn't to take effect until Jan. 1, 1986.

"There were a lot of people in Congress who absolutely hated the military and still couldn't wait to jump on the bandwagon and sign this bill," Razel said.

Congress passed the bill on Dec. 19, 1985, and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan nine days later.

Year of the NCO

Razel's wife, Gina, with the Civilian Personnel Directorate said he approached Congress with a certain degree of moral outrage and humility.

"He was never so full of himself that he thought, 'I can do this on my own,'" she explained. "But he knew where the buttons and strings were and he pushed them and pulled them.

"It was a wrong he had to correct," she said.

He said that was his proudest time in the Army, but added that today, as battalion commander, is his happiest.

Formerly the post inspector general, Razel moved to the new position Dec. 2. "I've never been happier. Commanding troops is what I've wanted to do most," he said.

He said he'll lead by helping others lead. "What we've got to do this year," Razel explained, "is not just pay lip service to them, 'The Year of the NCO.'

"If we're going to tell sergeants to get the job done, then we've got to give them the authority to get it done and then leave them the Hell alone.

"Every year should be the year of the NCO. Right now the focus is well-deserved."

Now 46, Razel hasn't forgotten, through the foreign wars and the battles at home, that if you're going to crusade, you've got to believe in something *religiously*.

Perhaps drawing on that year in the seminary, he thinks about his new role at the Presidio and how he wants to boost the NCO corps.

He concludes in a priestly voice, "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, a sergeant should be in charge."



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SSgt. Sheldon W. Martin, Headquarters Company, USAG, demonstrates Razel's: "a sergeant in charge."



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Rochelle Wright, Directorate of Resource Management, suggested the post budget offices switch computer systems [from Installation Automated Resource Management System (IARMS) to Decentralized Commitment Accounting System (DCAS)].

Wright said this will use less computer terminals, save space, use less electricity and create a "great paper savings."

DRM chief George Morrison said Wright's idea will save the post from $40,000 to $50,000. In addition, turning in the IARMS will free 13 class-A telephone lines required to run the old system, saving another $13,000.

If you have an idea, don't keep it to yourself. Let the entire post know about it! Call 561-IDEA, or visit the Ideas Office in bldg. 220.

CPO Job Openings

Teller: 232-89(GC), GS-530-4/5, closes March 3.

Safety and Occupational Health Specialist: 233-89(MS), GS-018-11, closes March 3.

Supervisory Logistics Management Specialist: 234-89(MS), GM-346-14, closes March 3.

Supply Management Officer: 235-89(MS), GS-2003-12, closes March 3.

Supervisory Contract Specialist: 236-89(MS), GS-1102-12, closes March 3.

Supervisory Computer Specialist: 223-89(GR), GS-344-12, open until filled.

Budget Analyst: 224-89(GR), GS-560-7/9, open until filled.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at 561-5732, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.16 an hour; and NA-7408-02, $5.86 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

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Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call 561-5095 or 561-2947.

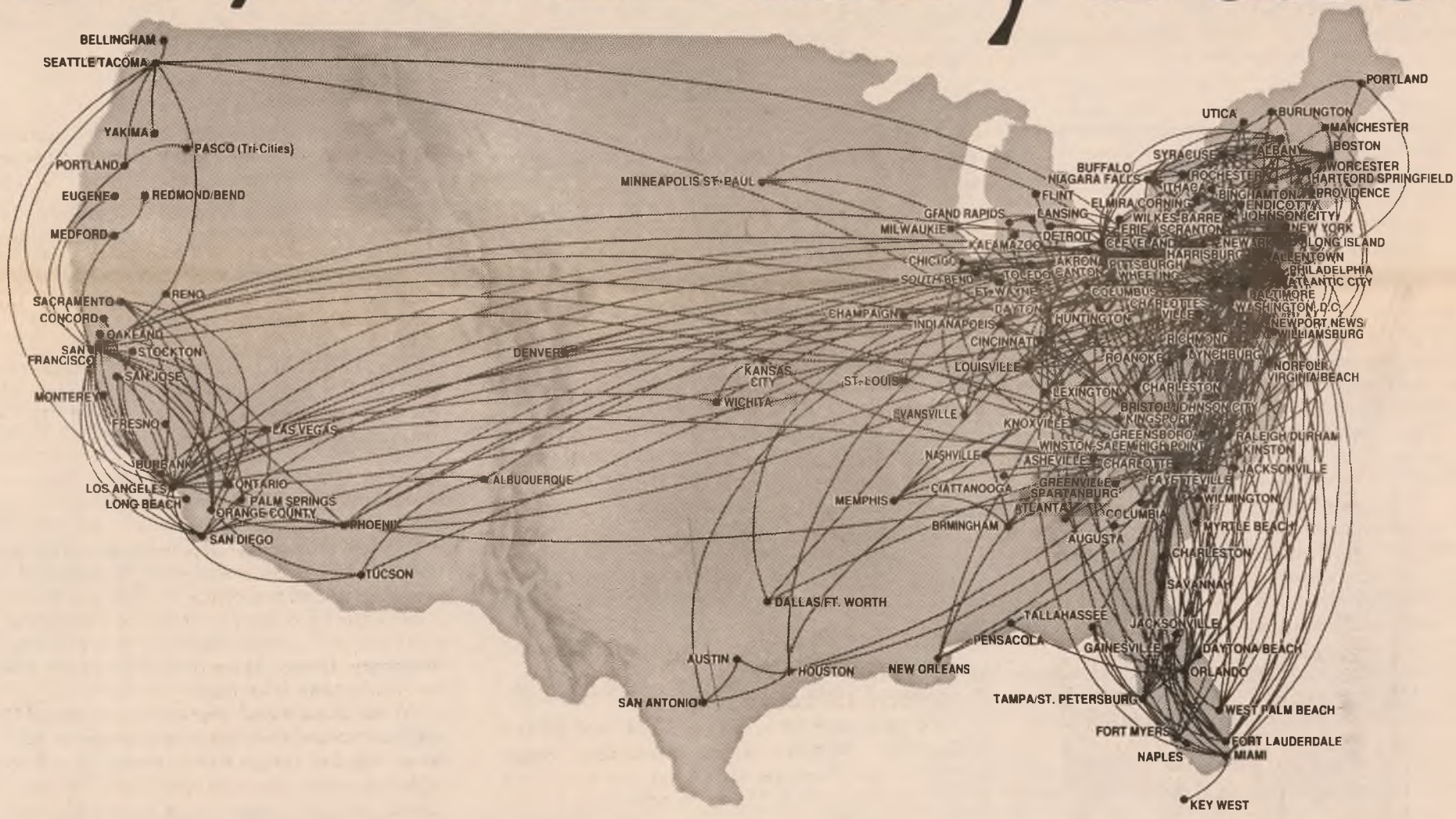
Energy Tip of the Week

If you drive a GSA car, tactical vehicle, DEH utility truck or one of the new, law enforcement sedans, there are ways to conserve energy. During the course of your working day there are things you can do to use less fuel (and save some wear and tear on your vehicle as well).

A key to being an efficient driver is smoothness. You get that through increased traffic awareness and anticipation. The fewer and gentler the changes you make to the velocity and direction of your vehicle, the more mileage you will get from it.

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Soldiers Need to Know

Post marksmanship competition a direct hit

by Joel P. Smith

Soldiers from United States Army Garrison used loaded pistols to take a trophy away from some other soldiers last week.

The event was the annual Installation Commander Marksmanship Competition (ICMC), which pits top shooters against each other in team and individual competition.

Army weapons, the M1911A1 .45 caliber pistol and the M16A1 rifle, were used in the two-week-long tournament in which soldiers fire at stationary targets. Twenty-five meters away from the marksman, the targets actually represent human figures from 100 to 300 yards away.

A four-man team from Headquarters Company USAG outshot soldiers from Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion 1,126 to 1,097 in the ICMC Combat Pistol Match.

The San Francisco Military Intelligence Detachment came in third.

In the six-man team rifle competition, Company C, Team I, blasted the 548th Ordnance Detachment 1,168 to 1,050.



place with 877 points. Second was Capt. Alan D. Arthur, United States Army Transition Point, with 869 points.

SFC David Lee won the Combat Pistol Excellence-in-Competition Match with 278 points out of 300. His closest competitor, Sgt. Jeffrey Reynolds with Letterman Army Medical Center, scored 260 points.

Soldiers in the top 10 percent in this match are awarded badges which can be worn permanently on the class A uniform.

Including Lee and Reynolds, these soldiers are 1st Lt. Donald Banks, LAMC; Sgt. Kyle Ritter, Law Enforcement Company; and Army reservist, Sgt. Joseph Mayers, of the 6211th USAG.

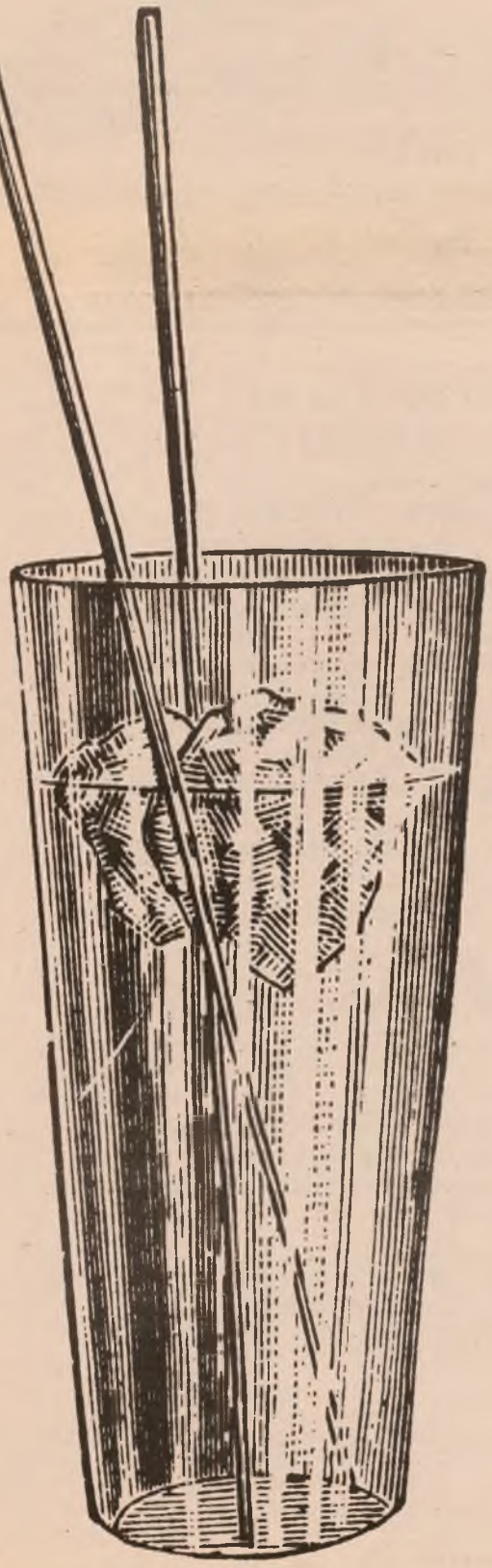
The top shooter in the Individual Rifle Competition was Sgt. Jon S. William, with the 902nd Military Intelligence Group. He outscored Spec. Terry R. Bothun, 232 to 219.

SFC Michael T. Wood, a firing range safety NCO, said the competition teaches soldiers marksmanship skills which includes **good maintenance skills.**

"I think most of the people competing here have found that if they don't know their weapon, they're going to lose," said Wood.

"That's good training because in combat, if you don't know your weapon, if it's not serviced, if it's not sighted, if it doesn't have a good magazine—the enemy is going to get you before you get him."

Like so many things in the Army, winning means victory in battle.



Water—the 'indispensable nutrient'

by Jeannine Davies

Deny someone food and he or she can still live on for days. But death comes in a matter of a few days if you deny a person water. Water has come to be known as the "indispensable nutrient." Nothing survives without water and virtually nothing takes place in the body without water playing a vital role.

Of the six major nutrients—water, carbohydrates, fat, protein, vitamins, and minerals—water constitutes the largest part of body weight. A 150-pound man has approximately 90 pounds of water, 30 pounds of fat; protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals make up the remaining 30 pounds.

The body uses water for digestion, absorbtion, blood circulation, excretion of waste products, transporting nutrients, building tissues and maintaining temperature. Almost all of the body's cells need and depend on water to perform their functions. It carries nutrients to the cells and carries waste products away from the cells to the kidney. Water also is needed in each step in the process of converting food to energy.

A problem for active people. . . .

The body gets rid of excess water through the kidneys (in the form of urine) and skin. Small amounts also are excreted through the lungs and gastrointestinal tract. When an exercising person sweats, the body is secreting the additional moisture to cool itself. A person involved in strenuous activity can easily lose several quarts of water. This loss reduces performance—at 2 percent dehydration (that is a loss of 2 percent of body weight due to dehydration) a physically active person will reduce his/her work capacity by 10 to 15 percent.

To maintain adequate hydration, drink at least eight glasses of fluids a day. This includes juice, milk and tea as well as water. However, water is best for replacing losses in sweat. It is absorbed into the system more quickly than juices and special electrolyte drinks which contain sugar and other ingredients. The higher the concentration of ingredient in the fluid you drink, the slower the rate of absorption.

Water!!

Remember to drink *before* you are thirsty as thirst is not always an adequate indicator of the body's need for water.

As body temperature rises, you should increase your fluid intake. When exercising vigorously in hot weather you should drink eight to 10 ounces of water every 20 minutes during exercise, and be sure to drink plenty before and after the exercise.

It is highly unlikely that you will drink "too much." Your kidneys will excrete any extra fluid. However, drinking too little water is very common. You are not drinking enough if you urinate infrequently, and the urine is dark in color. You also may have a headache and feel irritable.

You may weigh yourself before and after exercise. If you have lost three pounds, you should drink three pints (six cups) of fluid. The three pound weight loss was fluid—not fat!

Special workout drinks?

Should you buy special electrolyte drinks? While it is true that you do lose some electrolytes with sweat, you do not deplete your body stores. A normal diet supplies excessive amounts of these electrolytes and will replace the losses. Since your immediate need after exercise is water, and *not* electrolytes, these special drinks are **not necessary**. In fact, these drinks are costly and *less nutritious* than fruit juice!

What about a cold beer after exercising? Drinking beer immediately after an exercise event is unwise. Alcohol inhibits the release of a hormone which retains water in the body. Therefore it causes you to urinate more frequently and lose more fluids. You should drink two or three large glasses of water before enjoying a beer or other alcoholic beverage.

For the calorie-conscious exerciser, some low calorie alternatives to water are:

- V-8 or tomato juice;
- Fruit juice with lots of ice to dilute it;
- Ice water flavored with a little milk and almond or vanilla extract;
- Club soda;
- Mineral water flavored with lemon juice or a lemon or lime slice; or
- Mix water or mineral water "half and half" with cranberry or apple juice.

Remember, the best way to reduce the chance of dehydration from heavy sweating is to drink plenty of fluids before, during and after exercise.

(Editor's note: Davies is a registered dietitian and chief of Clinical Dietetics at the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Seoul, Korea.)

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Chinese New Year



Gum Lung makes its way down the parade route.

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160-foot serpent slithers into Chinese New Year

by Joel P. Smith

A 60-foot dragon, with a snake's neck and a hawk's talons, was spotted in San Francisco's Financial District Feb. 18.

The beast was the highlight of the city's Year of the Serpent Parade, the last major spectacle to mark the Chinese New Year.

A lunar calandar divides the Chinese New Year into 12-year cycles, each under the reign of an animal god. Others in the heavenly beastiary include the tiger, hare, rooster, dog, boar, rat, ox, monkey, ram, horse and, of course, dragon.

This year, the serpent supercedes the dragon.

More than 525,000 crowded city streets for the evening's procession, which also featured 15 lighted floats, lion dancers, the cast of the Miss Chinatown USA Pageant, school bands and Kung Fu dancers.



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With a birdseye view, these women enjoy the damp, but delightful, parade.



"Greetings!" from an oversized, garbed god.

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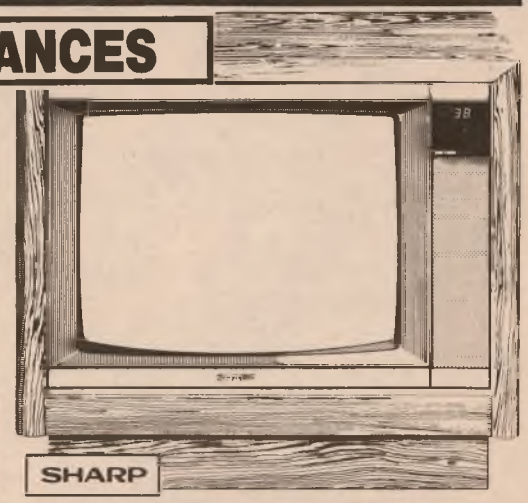
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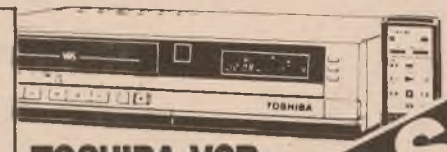


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Sports

All Army strikes it rich, takes Tahoe tournament

story and photos by Steve Morey

In the land of high rollers and fast money, the All Army Basketball Team nearly cashed in their chips before they won the big game.

Army, overcoming several obstacles, won the 23rd annual Washington Basketball Tournament in South Lake Tahoe, Nev., Feb. 18 and 19.

In the championship game, Army beat rival All Navy, 114-94. The sailors' squad included seven-foot, one-inch David Robinson, who will soon play for the National Basketball Association's San Antonio Spurs.

The soldiers, who have practiced daily on post since early February, are now preparing for the Armed Forces Championship March 13 through 16 in Gym No. 1.

Troubles begin

To begin their Lake Tahoe road trip, Army was minus the services of Andre Fleming, a six-foot, six-inch, 225-pound forward.

Fleming, from Fort Hood, Texas, left post on emergency leave and didn't make the trip. Meanwhile, team captain, Walter Golden, also from Fort Hood, injured his right wrist during practice a couple of days before the tourney.

Coach Harold Johnson, who missed the first game himself with the flu, said he was a bit worried heading into the Navy game.

"Without Fleming, and with Golden injured, we definitely lost some power on the boards. We had to go to our outside shooters to help open up the middle a bit."

Johnson, from Tooele Army Depot, Utah, said his perimeter shooters got hot, forcing Navy to come out and cover them—opening up the middle for Army's inside game.

But Army *almost* didn't make it to the championship game.

Second round squeaker

Johnson's squad came within five seconds of losing in the second round to Champagne Limo-KJ Records, a semi-professional team.

Kevin Houston's two free throws, with five seconds left and the crowd cheering wildly, sealed a 99-97 victory. The Fort Hood soldier, a former nation-leading scorer for the West Point Academy, is used to the pressure.

However, Houston admitted, "It was the first time I wanted my own team to call a timeout."

Things didn't run any smoother the next day vs. Navy. The sailors came out storming, scoring the game's first 11 points and forcing Johnson to swap his starting five with bench help.

Tournament Most Valuable Player, Army's Earl Warren, said, "We came out timid, too relaxed. Coach saw what was happening and felt it was time to give our bench a shot."

Starters return

Shoot they did, closing a 16-4 Navy lead to 18-10. Army's Wallace Northcut scored Army's first two on a jumper and John Lay hit two 3-pointers and a layup.

"Our bench did a super job—they deserve all the credit," said Warren, from Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

The starters returned to the floor and continued to nip at the lead. The hot shooting of Warren and Samuel Addison, combined with Jarvis Anderson's and Golden's stingy defense, helped Army to a 53-45 halftime lead.

"We came out and put pressure on their guards," explained Warren. "We weren't too concerned about Robinson.

"He'll get his points [a game-high 29 points] no matter what we do."

Another Fort Hood soldier, center Willie Linder, brought the house down with a spinning, head-bopping, finger-roll layup around Robinson.

Navy could pull no closer than 78-70 with 12:10 remaining. Whenever Robinson sat down for a breather, Army poured on the inside game and turned up the defensive pressure.

Army's final three points came at the buzzer as Dennis Martin launched a 3-pointer from half-court, sending the applauding crowd of about 400 home with memories of Army's second straight Washington title.

How about the pre-game butterflies in the stomach, MVP Warren?

"I was naturally pumped up before the game 'cause of the rivalry between us and the Navy," said the smiling Army guard. "But I told myself, 'Let the chips fall where they may.'"

For Army, the chips fell right into their pockets.

[For tickets for the Armed Forces Championships, call the Sports Branch at **561-5032** or **561-4120**; or visit Gym No. 1 (bldg. 63). Tickets are $3 each and are expected to go fast, said Bobbie Gascon, *Sports Branch chief.*]



Army's Willie Linder tips off against Navy's David Robinson in the South Lake Tahoe High School gym.



Jarvis Anderson crashes into the bench after breaking up a Navy pass.

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Community Calendar

Art Exhibition

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club and the Letterman Auxiliary invite you and your guests to attend an art exhibition and sale March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Presidio Officers' Club. The exhibition is presented by the San Francisco Society of Fine Arts. Admission is free and there will be door prizes and a no-host bar.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop's **Saturday opening** and **Flea Market** will be Saturday. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table, valid military ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an additional charge for extra space. No reservation is needed. Reservists may rent vendor space after showing a valid military ID card and a current LES.

POWC donations

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club will accept requests for welfare donations until March 15. Request forms are available from Welfare Chairman, Marilyn Sobke, at 1332 Wright Loop, Presidio.

Welfare donations are made by POWC to local organizations to help with community service programs. Organizations must forward requests, explaining the amount needed for a specific program and outlining how the funds will be used.

For information, call **561-3632.**



photo by Steve Morey

Airborne!

Willie Linder skies above Navy's Chris Williams for two of his 15 points at the South Lake Tahoe basketball tournament.

New video games at YA Center

The Youth Activities Center is now the headquarters for teens who are interested in video games. The staff just received Dig Dug, Mr. Do's Castle, Phoenix, Kung Fu Master and Vanguard games.

The top score for Kung Fu Master is 57,110. If any teen can beat this score, give it a try at the youth center, bldg. 1331, at Fort Scott. For more information, call **561-5143.**

Recycling

March recycling will be held March 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities groups will be visiting all housing areas on post. Please have newspapers and all-aluminum cans set out by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All profits from this program are returned to the groups doing the work.

Ballet classes

There are still a few openings left for the Youth Activities ballet classes. Classes meet after school in the Fort Scott Ballet Center, bldg. 1390.

Children between the ages of 6 and 19 can take lessons once a week for $30 a month; twice a week for $36 a month or three times weekly for $42 a month.

For more information, call the ballet instructor, Helen Piernik, at **994-0681,** from noon to 2 p.m.

ITT happenings

Great America is opening!!

Great America's grand opening for the 1989 season is March 11. ITT prices: adults $12.75 and $8.85 for children, ages 3 to 6. Save $5.20 on each adult ticket by buying at ITT. ITT.

Sonoma wine tour

Make your reservation today for the Sonoma Wine Valley wine tour April 1. Taste some of California's finest wine without the worry of driving. This is a full day of enjoyment for only $7 a person. For more information, call **561-3992,** or visit bldg. 215.

Masters Golf Tournament badge

The Presidio has been allocated one series badge for the 1989 Master Golf Tounament, from April 6 through 9, in Augusta, Ga. The badge costs $90 and is available only to active duty soldiers.

Interested soldiers should sign up at Gym No. 1, bldg. 63 to determine who will be sold this series badge; the deadline is Wednesday. Call Bob Darling at **561-4120** for more information.

Parenting classes

Parenting toddlers can be a very challenging job. Learn more about it by participating in free classes run for five weeks from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Child care will be provided at the center for a fee; call **561-3588** for more information.

Ed Center info

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For information, call or visit a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or **561-4445** or LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**

POWC scholarships

Applications for Presidio Officers' Wives' Club scholarships are available now. These scholarships will be awarded to current members of POWC and/or the sons or daughters of POWC members.

Scholarship forms and instructions may be obtained from Marilyn Sobke, 1332 Wright Loop, Presidio; Arietta Valenti, 334 Infantry Terrace, Presidio; or Mary Jo Swift, Quarters 4N, Fort Mason. All applications and materials must be returned to Marilyn Sobke, Welfare Chairman, no later than April 10.

For information about scholarships, call **567-3632.**

SATO travel

If you are an active duty soldier, and would like a night in the city, the Hotel Atherton offers $49 rate for a single or double room (rate includes a free full American breakfast)! Children under 12 years old stay free.

See SATO for ski packages, cruises to Mexico and tours to Hawaii.

Catholic Chapel services

Lenten Services will be: daily Mass at 11:35 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Mar. 2: Oliver and Company (G), 7 p.m. Animated feature loosely based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist." This delightful dog-and-cat comedy features a pack of misfit mongrels and an orphaned kitten.

Fri, March 3: Oliver and Company (G), 7 p.m.

Sat, March 4: Twins (PG), 7 p.m. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. The hilarious adventures of scientifically created identical twins who were separated at birth and are now searching for their long-lost mother.

Sat, March 5: Twins (PG), 7 p.m.

Sun, March 6: Twins (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, March 7: Gorillas in the Mist (PG-13), 7 p.m. Sigourney Weaver, Brian Brown. The moving story of researcher Dian Fossey who waged a one-woman war against the poachers who slaughtered to the point of near extinction, the mountain gorillas of Central Africa.

Wed, Mar. 8: Talk Radio (R), 7 p.m. Eric Bogosian, Alec Baldwin. An abrasive and highly outspoken radio talk show host, famous for his confrontational style that generates hate mail and death threats, is tormented by a group of right wing political extremists.

Thu, Mar. 9: Deepstar Six (R)a, 7 p.m. Taurean Blacque, Nancy Everhard. Trapped in a crumbling, isolated secret laboratory six miles below the ocean's surface, crewmembers make a terrifying discovery: not all aliens come from outer space.

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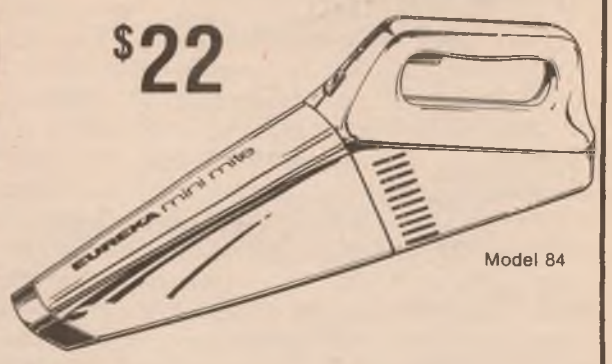
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News Briefs

Headlands tunnel closed

The National Park Service and the Army have closed the Baker/Barry Tunnel under Highway 101 leading to Fort Barry and West Fort Baker, and to GGNRA facilities in the Marin Headlands for inspection and repairs. The tunnel will be closed for at least six months as engineers' perform structural analyses and monitor cracks which have appeared in the concrete lining of the 70-year-old tunnel. The tunnel will be reopened when it is determined to be safe.

Water rationing

Forts Baker, Barry and Hamilton Army Air Field residents will be required to follow new water rationing plans established by the Marin Municipal Water District. Thne rationing plan began March 1 and requires Prresidians living in Marin to reduce their water uise by 35 percent from their 1986-87 consumption.

For information, call the water district at **924-4600.** Information packets are available.

Storage fire hazards

It has been brought to the attention of the Presidio Fire Department and the Directorate of Engineering and Housing that family housing occupants have been using their furnace/ boiler rooms as storage areas. According to FORSCOM and Presidio regulations, rooms designed for boiler or other heating appliances will not be used to store materials. Storing items in a room designed specifically to contain equipment such as a boiler, water heater, and furnace is a safety and fire hazard. Furthermore, items stored in this room make it difficult for DEH mechanics during maintenance and repair of the equipment.

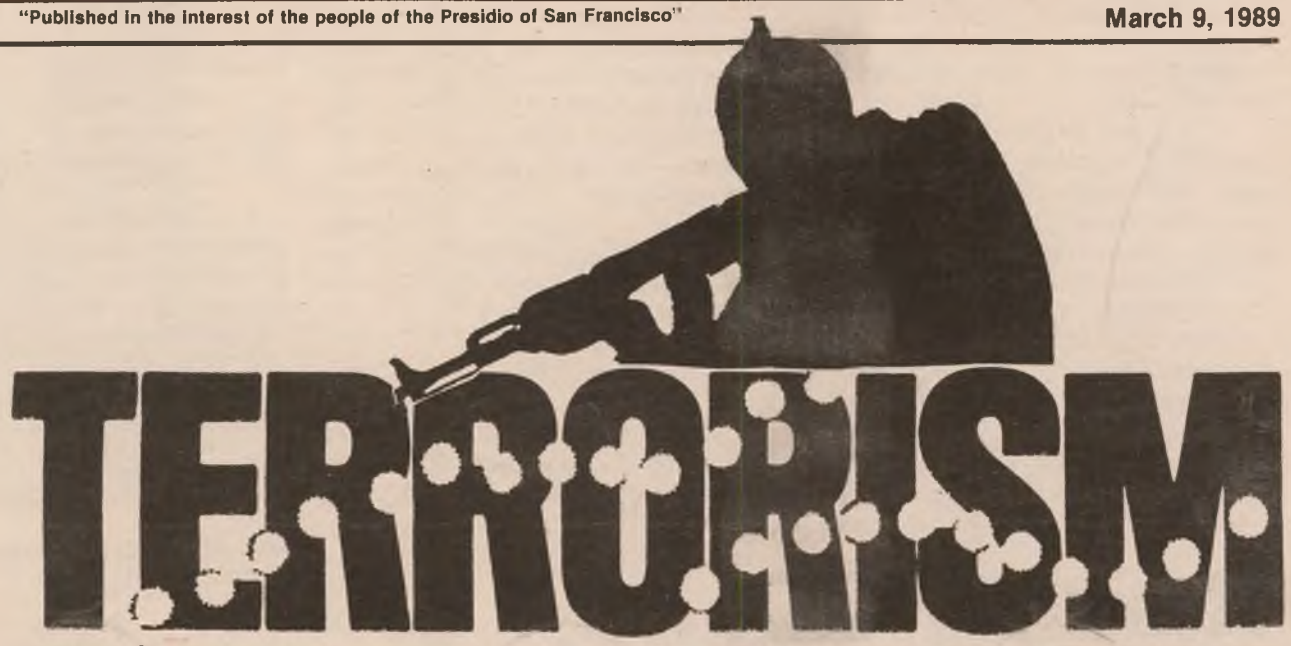
DEH is currently repairing and replacing doors and locks on boiler/furnace rooms in various housing areas. Occupants now using this area as storage space are asked to remove all items and stop using this room for this purpose.

If you have any questions or need more information, call the Housing Division at **561-2025** or **561-3452.**

Temporary employees health benefit program

Temporary employees are now eligible to enroll on an employee-pay-all basis in the Federal Employee Health Benefit program after they have completed one year of current continuous employment. The initial open season for those currently eligible to enroll will be Tuesday through April 14.

Brochures are not yet available from Office of Personnel Management; but should be available by Tuesday. Eligible temporary employees interested in enrolling should call the CPD at **561-3016** or **561-3017.**



TERRORISM

by Tom Joyce

Terrorism knows no boundaries. From the recent fire bombing of two Berkeley bookstores to the bombing of a British airplane, terrorism is everywhere. It can be called the threat of the 1980s. This week's *U.S. News and World Report* featured a number of articles on Iran's involvement in world-wide terrorist activities. No soldier should consider himself immune.

That which is shrouded in secrecy or mystery develops a certain mystique. This is true for everything from reclusive movie stars to magicians to terrorist organizations.

A study outlining terrorist groups throughout the world, designed to strip away much of the mystique about many terroriest organizations, has just been released by the Department of Defense. The 131-page guide profiles 52 of what DoD considers the world's most dangerous terrorist groups.

The study had its genesis in the recommendations made by then-Vice President George Bush's 1986 Task Force on Combating Terrorism. One key proposal was to launch an effort to make the American people more aware about the nature of terrorism and the threat it represents to U.S. national security interests.

The study is divided into geographic sections that begin with an overview, followed by coverage of the key regional terrorist groups. Information includes an estimate of each group's membership strength, identities of key leaders, ideological orientation, target audiences, a narrative description of the groups' background and a selected incident chronology. Officials of the Defense Intelligence Agency, which compiled the guide, identify the Libyan-based Abu Nidal Organization in existence. Libyan military dictator Col. Muammar Al-Qadhafi is named the Middle Eastern region's most notorious practitioner of terrorism.

Following the 1986 U.S. air strike against Libya, detectable Libyan involvement in terrorist activity decreased significantly. However, the study points out that there are signs that Libyan involvement in terrorism may again be on the rise.

Terrorism is essentially a tactic—a form of political warfare designed to achieve political ends. As the study states, "Whether the terrorists style themselves as separatists, anarchists, dissidents, nationalists, Marxist revolutionaries, or religious true believers, what marks them as terrorists is that they direct their violence agains non-combatants with the goal of terrorizing a wider audience than the immediate victims, thereby attempting to gain political influence over the larger audience."

The study also presents a description of what it labels the "variants" of terrorism among its participants.

One of these is organizational terrorism. It emenates from organizations like the Red Army Faction and the Red Brigade, which are mostly small, tightly knit groups incapable of developing popular support for their radical positions and therefore turn to terrorism to gain influence. The Red Army Faction was responsible for the August 1981 bombing of the U.S. Air Force headquarters in Ramstein, West Germany, which injured 18 Americans and two Germans.

The Red Brigades are known for their "Kneecapping" activites, murders and kidnapping of Army Brig. Gen. James Dozier in 1981.

Another variant of terrorism is conducted within the context of insurgencies, which are normally wide-scale revolts against the established government conducted by paramilitary or guerrilla forces. However, these forces frequently have a terrorist component seeking to undermine the government's authority. One example is the New People's Army in the Philippines. This group is responsible for the October 1987 murder of two American servicemen, an American retiree and a Filipino by stander.

The third—and biggest challenge to the United States—is state-sponsored terrorism. "This is direct sponsorship or abetment of terrorist groups and their actions by sovereign states," the study states.

Iran, Afghanistan, Libya and North Korea are termed the "most notorious state sponsors of terrorism."

One DoD official said there has been an ongoing debate about whether terrorism is a national security problem or a nuisance. "When one looks at the study," he said,"one can see that terrorism is definitely a national security problem."

The study will be distributed to embassies, law enforcement organizations and public libraries. It is for sale by: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402

American Forces Information Service

Voices

Good eating translates to better health

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Every March Nutrition Month rolls around and government offices are inundated with flyers on healthful eating. Lunch rooms are plastered with nutrition tips while the occupants are frantically stuffing french fries and onion rings down their gullets. The irony makes for a good story, but *not* improved health.

And good health is a rare and valuable thing these days. With more and more people joining the work force, less time is being spent in the kitchen preparing nutritious meals. The outcome seems to be meals high in cholesterol and additives. Convenience is being given top priority by many. After all, it *is* easier to stop by and pick up fast food rather than cook.

But what about our health? Can anyone really justify the trade-offs? And even if you decide good nutrition is not a top priority for you, what about your *children?* A handful of potato chips and a cola is not a meal nutritionists dream of when they suggest kids eat at home on the weekends.

This may sound like an exaggeration, but look around you sometime in the grocery store. Shopping carts are piled high with convenience foods high in fats, additives and preservatives. This seems to be especially true in the aeas where lower income families live. Television commercials and other advertising has told us for years that these foods will make us happy, popular and thin.

It ain't necessarily so.

Take the challenge and break the habit. Next time you want something to snack on try an apple. Talk to your doctor about a good diet and stick to it. Good eating isn't something you need for only one month a year.



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Eating from all four food groups every day *is* the basis of good nutrition.

Ramblin' Sam

"Who do you most admire? Why?"



Sheila Dela Cruz, military family member: "My mom. She's organized in everything she does and well-prepared."



Spec. Tony Bostwick, levy clerk, Military Personnel Division: "God. He's quite a guy. I really look up to him."



Rosheen Godbout, military family member: "Mother Theresa. She stands up for what she believes in. She's one of the few people you can honestly say is good."



SFC Jean Victor, Headquarters, 6219 Reception Battalion: "My daughter—for the love she brought into my life [she's 14 years old]. She is intelligent, talented and she's better looking than me."

Correction

The *Star Presidian* staff (at least the editors and proofreaders) owe both SFC Garry Gibson and Spec. Joel P. Smith an apology.

Other staff members made a terrible proofreading error while at the publishers'. (That's when we're **supposed** to check typeset copy on "galleys" to make sure all typographical errors are corrected) so they don't appear in print.

Smith wrote the article, "Post marksmanship competition a direct hit," which appeared on page 5 of the March 2, 1989, *Star Presidian* edition. Unfortunately, part of what he wrote was left out.

Here's how the story should have read, with the deleted portion restored in **bold face** type:

"In the six-man team rifle competition, Company C, Team I, blasted the 548th Ordnance Detachment 1,168 to 1,105.

"Again, SF MID placed third.

"The Individual Combat Pistol Match ended with SFC Garry Gibson, a USAG soldier, in first place with 877 points. Second was Capt. Alan D. Arthur, United States Army Transition Point, with 869 points."

If anyone would like to congratulate Gibson on his win, he works at the Garrison Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization at **561-3636.**

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TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

Police Blotter

by Patrick R. Wilson

If you see a crime, you can report it to the Military Police at **561-2251** or **561-5656**. If you have information about a crime that has been committed, and it is *not* an emergency call, call the **Presidio Crime Line** at **561-CRIM(E)**. You may leave up to a one minute message. Leave as much information as possible about the crime; you may remain anonymous if you wish. If one minute is not long enough, just call back and continue your message!

The following is a recap of 10 days of criminal activity on the Presidio:

Feb. 13, 10:50 a.m.: A larceny was reported at LAMC, on the first floor. An unknown individual took a parka and a pair of military boots from a LAMC soldier's secured locker.

Feb. 13, 2:30 p.m.: A young woman working at bldg. 102 lost $900 and other personal items when an unknown person took her wallet from her purse which she had left unattended.

Feb. 13, 6:25 p.m.: A LAMC soldier returned to his room to find someone had vandalized his stereo by cutting holes in the speaker cones and breaking the speaker frames.

If you have any information regarding this crime, or any crime, call the **561-CRIM(E)** line and report it!

Feb. 14, 11:03 a.m.: A San Francisco man was charged with Driving Under the Influence and driving on a sidewalk after the MPs saw him driving his car on the sidewalk by the Fire Station on Lincoln Blvd.

Feb. 14, 1:02 a.m.: Three San Francisco youths were apprehended. After spotting an erratic driver, the MPs stopped the car on Lincoln. The juveniles were turned over to the San Francisco Police. It was later determined the three juveniles had stolen the car in Daly City.

Feb. 14, 12:30 a.m.: After making a routine traffic stop of a San Francisco man driving his car recklessly on Lombard Street, the driver was found to be Driving Under the Influence of alcohol.

Feb. 14, 6:45 a.m.: A Presidio soldier's car was stolen from his quarters on Brooks Court.

Feb. 14, 3 p.m.: Another car was reported stolen from the Presidio. It was taken from Stilwell Road, adjacent to bldg. 1516.

Feb. 14, 2:55 p.m.: A workman's belt was taken from bldg. 288. The belt had been left unsecured and unattended.

Feb. 14, 4:18 p.m.: A car was broken into and a purse and various other personal items (in plain view) were stolen.

Feb. 20, 12:10 a.m.: A Presidio soldier was apprehended after a Presidio resident reported a man attempting to gain access to the resident's quarters. While conducting an interview with the soldier who was found in the immediate vicinity of the quarters, MPs later determined the man was intoxicated. The soldier was charged with being drunk and disorderly and breech of the peace.

Feb. 20, 9:52 a.m.: A civilian working on the ninth floor of LAMC found $50 had been taken from her purse which had been left unsecured and unattended.

Feb. 20, 11:50 a.m.: Another case of vandalism occurred on the Presidio; this time to a car and carport next to Quarters 1567. The car and wall were spraypainted with graffiti.

Feb. 20, 4:25 p.m.: An unknown person(s) removed a bicycle which was alleged to be secured to a handrail next to the new Bowling Center. The bike was later recovered and the lock, which was intact, was *locked to the seat.*

Feb. 21, 9:57 p.m.: Another bicycle was stolen. A turquoise bicycle and a royal blue mountain bicycle were left unsecured next to a set of quarters on Sanches Street.

IMPORTANT CRIME WATCH NOTICE

During the month of February alone, 11 larcenies were reported at LAMC. Six of the larcenies involved property that was left unsecured and unattended! Conclusion: Opportunity is a factor in making a thief!



Got an idea to improve the Presidio? Don't just tell your friends, let the whole post know; call

561-IDEA

PSF Idea of Excellence

Do you sometimes get frustrated when your office receives improperly completed forms, or repeated call-backs, on the same subject or project—from the same people?

This week's Idea proposes a solution to such a problem. Alice R. Kelly, from the Directorate of Resource Management (DRM), suggests a "Mutual Support Training Program" to teach garrison office managers "how to do it right the first time."

Kelly said each directorate would identify areas most impacting customer service in their respective offices; then, develop a training session to address those problems.

Plans are under way to have the Civilian Personnel Directorate develop on-site training programs, coordinated with DRM and the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization.

If you have an Idea you'd like to share, call the Ideas Office at **561-IDEA.**

NAF Vacancies

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Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call **561-5095** or **561-2947.**

CPO Job Openings

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Staff Operations and Training Specialist: 248-89(DR), GS-301-8, closes March 14.
Budget Analyst: 249-89(DR), GS-560-9, open until filled.
Logistics Management Specialist: 250-89(DR), GS-346-11, closes March 14.
Military Personnel Management Specialist: 251-89(DR), GS-205-9, closes March 28.
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Automotive Worker: 255-89(DR), WG-5823-8, closes March 14.
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For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732**, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30% disabled veterans).

Energy Tip of the Week

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Soldiers Need to Know

Marksmanship skills help soldiers survive

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

A soldier on post, who is an international shooter, says he often teaches marksmanship with a .45 caliber pencil.

"Some of the best training there is doesn't involve firing a shot," explained SFC Garry B. Gibson, an alternate on the 1988 U.S. Olympic Marksmanship Team.

To teach steadiness in aim, Gibson, operations sergeant for the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization on post, teaches "dry-firing," using a pencil in place of a bullet.

He wraps a pencil with tape, until it's the circumference of a .45 caliber round. When the trigger's pulled, the firing pin strikes the eraser and pumps No. 2 lead into a target four inches from the barrel's business end.

Because the length of the pencil is about the same as the distance to the target, errors in aim will show without a shot being fired.

And without the bother of the bang, Gibson explains, a soldier can concentrate on a steady trigger pull and proper aim.

The training NCO at United States Army Garrison says it's smart to shoot dummies. "When a soldier fires a dummy round, you find out if they're jerking the weapon when they expect the blast," explains SFC Nicholas Clear.

When training one-on-one with soldiers, Clear occasionally slips a dummy round—which looks like a live round, but won't explode—into a soldier's rifle. Then he carefully watches the shooter to see if she/he anticipates the usual noise and recoil.

Soldiers who do anticipate, will "jerk the trigger and shut their eyes simultaneously," Clear says.

Another way to erase the anxiety and anticipation of firing is to fire *and fire and fire*, said the winner of the post individual rifle marksmanship tournament Feb. 23.

"Most people don't get to fire enough to get comfortable with their weapon," said Jon S. Williams, with the 902nd Military Intelligence Group.

"That hampers marksmanship and the combat effectiveness of the Army," said Williams. He has qualified more than 30 times—every time an expert—since he began training with the M-16 nine years ago, he said.

One way to get more firing time is to request training at the company level or, like Williams, participate in marksmanship tournaments (you don't have to win, you just have to have a winning attitude," he says.)

Another way to improve your marksmanship is to learn and apply the "steady hold factors." According to a training manual, FM 23-9, these are: good breathing control, proper grip of the left hand, proper placement of the elbow, a habitual cheek-to-stock weld, being relaxed and using good trigger control.

Clear said soldiers, when firing, should breath easy. He says a soldier should take a deep breath, breath halfway out, take aim and squeeze the trigger gently.

How gently? Use fingertip control, says Clear. "By using just the tip of your finger, you'll pull straight back—not to the left or right," he explains.

He added that keeping a weapon clean helps it work properly.

Being a good shot can do more than earn you a uniform decoration; it can earn you your life, says Williams.

"It doesn't matter if you're a nurse, or a chaplain's assistant, or a general's aide," Williams explains. "If the enemy is out there, you'd better know how to fire that weapon."

Marksmanship training

Sixth U.S. Army is offering special marksmanship training to senior NCOs and officers March 14.

It will host a day-long clinic on the M-16 for more than 40 E-7s and above at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, in Dublin, Calif.

SGM George R. Burk, director of instruction at the NCO Academy at Parks, explains why the soldiers are getting the class: "There are sergeants major and officers who've never even handled the M-16 rifle.

"Even they need to be familiar with the weapon because firing is a soldier's most basic skill," he said. Burk added that the soldiers also will rappel down a 24-foot building in a day of "adventure training."



Good marksmanship is the foundation of of good soldiering.

March named National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month—a good time to become a label reader if you aren't already. You can learn a lot from ingredient listings and nutrition labeling on foods. In the case of ingredient listings, which appear on most packaged and processed foods, you may learn some things a manufacturer would probably rather you didn't know.

For example, a label may proudly announce "100 percent Vegetable Shortening." A quick scan of the ingredients reveals the product contains palm or coconut oil. Both of these are vegetable oils, but the fat in them is saturated, just like butter. Saturated fats are OK in moderation—but the vegetable oil claim may confuse some people whose doctors have advised reducing saturated fat.

Another product may label itself "natural." That doesn't mean it is low calorie or extra healthy. Many products called natural have a lot of sugar. The following are all sugars: honey, corn syrup, sucrose, glucose, dextrose, fructose, sorbitol, maltose, lactose, manitol, high-fructose corn syrup, molasses and maple syrup.

Sorbitol is often used to sweeten children's candy. Unlike other sugars, it does not promote tooth decay—but it does contain calories.

Ingredients are listed on packages by weight, with the item present in the greatest amount listed first and the item present in the least amount listed last.

For example, if you are trying to cut down on fast in your diet, the order, number and types of fats listed on a label can be helpful. Shown below are labels for mayonnaise and imitation (reduced calorie) mayonnaise. Both contain unsaturated fatty acids in the soybean oil, but the imitation mayonnaise has more water (the first item listed on the label).

If both products also have nutritional labels, this can help you further in your choice. Nutrition labels show the amount of fat, cholesterol, sugar (if any) and sodium in grams. The product's percentage of calories from fat and the amount of polysaturated fatty acids (polyunsaturates), saturated fatty acids and cholesterol may also be listed. With this information, Presidians can compare the fat and cholesterol content of different products. For example, the accompanying labels on two products from the same manufacturer show that compared to mayonnaise, an imitation (reduced calorie) mayonnaise may contain only half as much fat.

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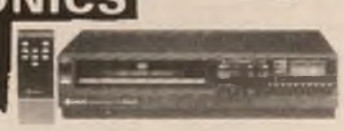
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Scouts earn respect, gain confidence

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

A Military Policeman here said several Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have helped curb crime on post.

Youths in the Explorer Scouts, a career-exploration branch of the Boy Scouts of America, have given information that led to the arrest of vandals and other law-breakers on post, said Spec. Patrick R. Wilson.

"They're quite an asset to the MPs," said Wilson, coordinator of the program for Provost Marshals Office.

Wilson added that the 16 scouts involved, from age 14 to 18, serve on community watch programs and ride with MPs in patrol cars.

All are working, said Wilson, toward a career as law enforcement officers.

"There's a certain amount of danger, but if a patrol feels that it's too much—for instance if we get a call on an armed robbery—the scout is immediately put out on the curb," Wilson explained.

"In a traffic stop, the scout never gets out of the car," Wilson added. "But we teach them how to use the radio, so if an MP is hurt, the scout can call for help.

"In that way," Williams said, "a lot of the danger is eliminated and they become a great asset to us."

Eleven of the youths are boys, five are girls, noted Wilson. If you're already an Explorer, all you have to do to become involved with the MPs, said Wilson, is "show up at the station and express an interest."

Young women and men have a variety of scouting programs—and adventures—to choose from on post. One cadet (a branch of the Girl Scouts here) said the group has changed her life.

"I probably wouldn't have done the kinds of things I have if it wasn't for the Girl Scouts," said Amy L. Frost, 12. She's toured a castle in Belgium, skied in Northern California and camped in the Bay Area.

"You get to do a lot of activities with your friends," said Amy, at a recent Girl Scout outing.

"It gives you a chance to get out of the house," she added, and explained: "I was mad at my sister before I got here—she lost my hamster—but now I feel better."

Another Cadet, Shannon L. MacDonald, said scouting has helped her be more outgoing. "I used to be kind of shy, but now, because I've gone out selling cookies, I'm more used to talking to people," the 13-year-old said.

Girl Scout co-director on post, Janice D. George, said, "This gives girls a chance to participate in traditionally male roles without being frowned upon."

She went on to say, "They learn a lot of outdoor skills; that's something that girls shy away from—tying knots, working with knives, laying trails, using compasses, setting up tents."



Boy Scouts rake the Presidio Pet Cemetery during the annual clean-up last yea

Ninety-five Girl Scouts are in the post program, George said.

The post Cub Scout Master said the program gives youngsters a chance to explore the outdoors *and* their place in the community.

"We try to teach citizenship," said Maj. Hugh W. Holmes, with Sixth U.S. Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel.

"We want them to understand about the traditions of the country and why they should respect everybody. *Do your best and help other people,* that's our motto."

Holmes said there are about 40 Cub Scouts on post and about 27 Boy Scouts.

All the scouts here work on community service projects like recycling newspapers, baking cookies to take to homes for the elderly, and cleaning up the Pet Cemetery.

Self-improvement—through skills badges earned by playing sports or studying science, for instance—is also stressed by the scout leaders.

No one knows the adventure of scouting better than a scout. Shannon will tell you: "Join the scouts. It's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun."

Scouting: how to join

"Scouting will expose you to a new and wide variety of interests and activities," said Beverly S. Johnson, Presidio Girl Scouts co-director.

She encourages young men and women to get involved in the post's scouting program. Kindergarteners through 12th graders are eligible for the Girl Scouts, said Johnson. No military affiliation is necessary she added.

Dues for the national organization are $4 annually. Johnson said troop dues range from $10 to $20 annually.

First through 12th graders are eligible for the Boy Scouts, according to Cub Scout Master, Maj. Hugh W. Holmes. You need to be "affiliated with the military in some way," said Holmes.

Dues for the Boy Scouts of America are $7 annually for the national organization, Holmes said. If you join in the middle of the year, he added, the fees are reduced for that year.

For more information about scouting, call Youth Activities at **561-5910**.

Salt—A silent killer for unaware Presidians

by Barbara McCarty

Please don't pass the salt...not yet, anyway.

Do you reach for the salt automatically? Do you add a liberal number of sprinkles before you even taste the food? Do you really know what the food tastes like?

Why should you be asking yourself these questions? Avoiding too much sodium is one of the seven dietary guidelines for Americans. The guidelines are general recommedations for people in the United States aimed at improving their health and decreasing the risk of certain conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and cancer.

Sodium is a mineral which is involved in fluid balance in our body, and thus, blood pressure. High blood pressure is a concern because it increases the chance of having a heart attack—currently the number one killer in our country. It also can damage small blood vessels, especially in the eyes and kidneys.

It is estimated that one in every four American adults has high blood pressure. Once discovered, high blood pressure is treated by your physician with diet, drugs or both. However, since we cannot predict who will develop high blood pressure; it's a good idea for every one to make sure their sodium intake is moderate.

Sodium is found naturally in many foods. Salt is a combination of sodium and another mineral, chloride. Food which are especially high in salt include cured, smoked and canned meats (ham, lunch meat and canned tuna) and many convenience foods. This includes frozen dinners, canned soups and vegetables, and snacks such as potato chips.

You can make a good start at a moderate sodium intake by NOT using the salt shaker at the table. Try seasoning your food with other herbs and spices that do not have salt as an ingredient. You can buy sodium-free herbal spice mixes at the commissary or any grocery store, or you might try making your own.

Here's a simple recipe for a start: 1 tsp. onion powder; 1 tsp. paprika; 1 tsp. dry mustard; 1 tsp. garlic powder; and ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper (optional).

Don't think of this as getting rid of an old favorite; rather, look forward to trying new tastes.

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(Editor's note: McCarty is the division nutritionalist at Fort Polk, La.)

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Sports

Co. A, LAMC wins basketball league title

Co. A, LAMC went undefeated in intramural play to win the league title with a 10 and 0 record. Sixth Army and USAG gave them a run for their money, but steady teamwork and a strong bench proved to be the deciding factors.

Co. A's coach, Larry Bennet, did a great job of coaching this talented team. The next step is the playoff portion of the season.

Other playoff contenders are DOL which started slow, but lately has come on strong. DOL's coach, Sherman Taylor, likes to have his team run and gun and doesn't hesitate to rotate his players in and out of the game.

USAG and Sixth Army are both strong teams, when they get their games going. Both teams have good talent, and its just a matter of putting it all together.

The top six teams in the league will participate in the 1989 Presidio Championship, starting March 20. All games will be played at 5 and 6 p.m.; it will be a double elimination tournament with the finals set for March 28 at 5 p.m. All games will be played at Gym No. 1, bldg. 63.

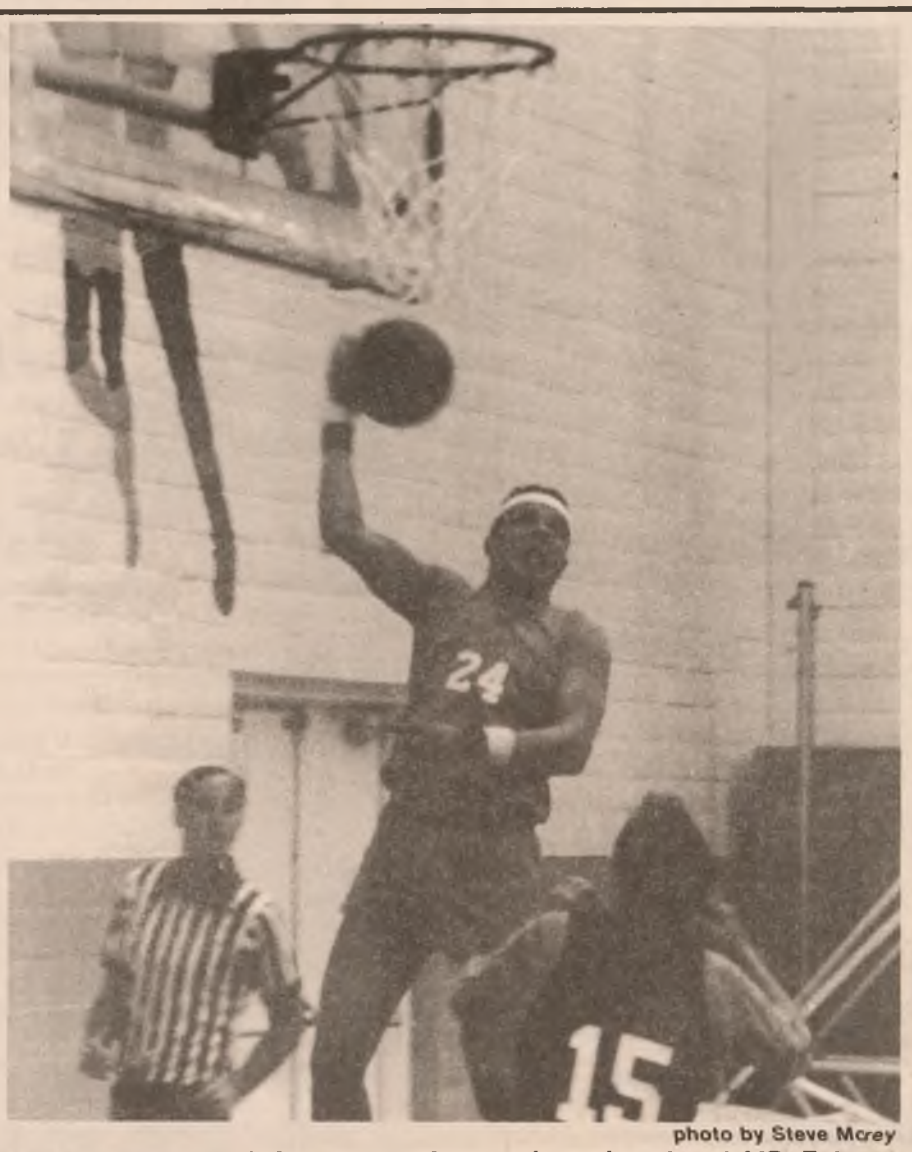


photo by Steve Morey

Co. A, LAMC's Rick Acuna snatches a rebound against LAIR, Feb. 16.



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Willie Linder soars to new Army heights and rejects a Navy shot at the 23rd annual Washington Basketball Tournament in South Lake Tahoe, Nev., Feb. 18 and 19. All Army is now preparing for the Armed Forces Championships on post March 13 through 16.

Armed Forces Basketball championship

Tip-off for the double-elimination 1989 Armed Forces Basketball Championship will be Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. between the Army and Marines at Gym No. 1. Following the Army and Marines game, the Navy, led by seven-foot, one-inch David Robinson, 1987 college player of the year, and the NBA's first pick by the San Antonio Spurs, will take on the Air Force. Games also will be played on Wednesday and Thursday evening starting at 7 p.m. Admission charged will be $3 each night of competition.

Tickets are on sale at the ITT office, Gym No. 1, and Gym No. 2. Seats are limited, so buy your tickets early.

Complete game schedule as follows:

March 14:
Army vs. Marines . . . . . 7 p.m.
Navy vs. Air Force . . . . . 9 p.m.
March 15
Loser 1 vs. Loser 2 . . . . . 7 p.m.
Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 . . . . . 9 p.m.
March 16
Winner 3 vs. Loser 4 . . . . . 1 p.m.
Loser 3 vs. Loser 5 . . . . . 7 p.m.
Winner 4 v. Winner 5 . . . . . 9 p.m.
March 17: If necessary . . . . . 1 p.m.

For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at **561-5032** or **561-4120.**

Sports Notes

Intramural basketball league

Standings

As of March 2
Full court

	W	L
*Co. A, LAMC	10	0
*USAG	8	2
*DOL	7	3
*Sixth Army	6	4
*LAIR	6	4
*Co. B, LAMC	5	4
864th Engineers	4	6
VA Hospital	4	6
LEC	2	8
MI BN	2	8
USAISC	1	9

(* playoff teams)

Half court

SJA	11	2
Logistics	11	2
89ers	10	2
DCSOPS	10	3
Co. B, LAMC	7	7
DCSPER	6	7
LAMC No. 2	5	6
Vet Services	3	7
MI BN	3	8
USAISC	1	9
Sixth Army	0	10

Last week's results

Full-court: Sixth Army, 71-50, over USAG; VA Hospital beat LEC, 57-34; DOL defeated Co. B, LAMC, 63-41; Sixth Army crushed MI BN, 100-35; LEC squeaked by 864th Engineers, 49-48; DOL beat Sixth Army, 83-71; USAG, 50-39, over Co. B, LAMC; and LAIR upset DOL, 51-48.

Half-court: SJA edged 89ers, 21-16; Logistics swamped MI BN, 21-3; DCSOPS, 21-13, over Co. B, LAMC; SJA beat LAMC 2, 12-13; SJA, 21-12, over Co. B, LAMC; and DCSOPS outpointed Logistics, 21-17.

Youth baseball registration

Youth Baseball and T-Ball registration is being held now through March 24, at the Sports Office, bldg. 63, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The registration fee is $15 for each child with a $40 family rate for three or more children. Children turning 13 years before Aug. 31 will not be eligible for participation.

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Community Calendar

West Point, Air Force Academy testing

Gym No. 1, bldg. 63, will be used March 19 for testing candidates for the West Point Academy and the Air Force Academy. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon; it will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

ITT news

Great America is opening! Tickets are available for Great America. The tickets include the best discount price on Great America tickets good everyday throughout the season. No waiting in box office lines!!

Tickets are valid for unlimited use on all rides, show and attractions. Prices are $12.75 for adults and children 3 to 6 years old, $8.85, children 2 years and younger get in FREE.

Sonoma Wine Tour Special. Spring won't be complete without a visit to the wine country with ITT. Visit the Sebastiani Vinyards on April 1. The price is only $7 a person, but you must be at least 21 years old.

Sesame Street Live. ITT is in the process of determining how many tickets to order for Sesame Street Live. The shows are May 5 to 7 at the Cow Palace and are regularly priced $9.50. Tickets will be sold for $8 at ITT. Phone ITT at 561-3992 immediately to let them get an idea of how many Presidians want to attend this special discounted event.

For information on any of these trips visit the ITT office in bldg. 215.

Recycling

March recycling will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Youth Activity groups will be visiting all housing areas on post. Please have newspapers and all-aluminum cans set out by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All profits from this program are returned to the groups doing the work.

Fort Mason

More than 50 organizations are headquartered at Fort Mason. Many offer free or inexpensive classes, tours and shows. For a recorded message about each week's events, call 441-5705.



photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

March is Red Cross Month

The Red Cross office on post offers first aid and CPR classes. For information call 561-2187.

Blood drive

The Letterman Army Medical Center and Letterman Army Institute of Research blood drive is March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and March 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The blood drive will be in LAMC's Schwartz Theater.

This joint effort supports Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center at Ford Ord, Calif.

For more information, call Capt. Elaine S. Perry at 561-2560.

Weight Watchers

The next Weight Watchers meeting on post is **Monday** at 4:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin, bldg. 1299, in the Fort Scott area. For more information, call 777-0624.

Golden Gaters

Golden Gaters (formerly the "Over Forty Single Social Club"), will meet March 18 for a 5:30 p.m. dinner at the Presidio Officers' Club. After dinner, members will carpool to see *Beach Blanket Babylon* at 8 p.m. in San Francisco.

The cost is $12 for a chicken dinner, or $15 for scalone; the theater tickets are $22 each.

For more information, call Pat Pavlison at 561-4239. Theater tickets are limited to the first 25 who register. Members are encouraged to arrive *at least* 45 minutes early for the show.

Toastmasters

Laugh! Learn something new! Have a creative, fun lunch! Visit the next Toastmasters' meeting! It is open to everyone who likes to have fun! They meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Bldg. 37 in the CPO Training Classroom (upstairs) from noon until 1 p.m.

See you there! Call Diane Lemley, 563-6481 for information.

Free symphony

The San Francisco Recreation Symphony will perform works by Beethoven, Mozart and Faure, Sunday at 3 p.m. in the San Francisco County Fair Building near 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. The concert is free and open to everyone.

For information, call 558-4268.

Easter religious services

Protestant Services

Palm Sunday (March 19): regular services; also, starting at 9:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday School's annual "Super Sunday" (featuring special music, refreshments and photos) in the Religious Activities Center (RAC), bldg. 682. Bus service to all post housing areas is provided to the classes for children (over three years old) to adults. For more information, call 561-3535.

Last Supper Observance (March 23): 7 p.m., in the RAC;

Good Friday (March 24): 3 p.m., Post Chapel;

Easter (March 26): ***(Note: No CCD classes or childrens' Services on Easter.)***

7:30 a.m. (sunrise service), Post Chapel Garden;

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Easter Breakfast (scrambled eggs, French toast, grits, sausage, bacon, rolls, milk and coffee) in the RAC; regular Sunday School classes, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for children whose parents attend the 10 a.m. Easter service.

9 a.m., Charismatic, Fort Scott Chapel;

10 a.m., Easter Service, Post Chapel;

11 a.m., Easter Service, Fort Scott chapel; and

1 p.m., Gospel *Service, Fort Scott Chapel.*

Holy Week (Catholic) Services

Palm Sunday, Blessing the Palms: Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.;

Monday: Mass, 11:35 a.m.;

Tuesday: Mass, 11:35 a.m.; Penitential Service, 7 p.m.;

Wednesday: Mass, 11:35 a.m.;

Holy Thursday: Mass, 5 p.m.;

Good Friday: Liturgy, noon;

Holy Saturday: Confessions, 3 to 4 p.m.; Liturgy, 5 p.m.;

Easter Sunday: Mass, 9 and 11 a.m.

For more schedule information, call 561-4719 or 561-4239.

Creative Cottage

Looking for handmade Easter baskets, bunnies or baby chicks? Come to the Creative Cottage—a consignment shop located next to the Thrift Shop in bldg. 204. The hours are Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Mar. 9: Deepstar Six (R) , 7 p.m. Taurean Blacque, Nancy Everhard. Trapped in a crumbling, isolated secret laboratory six miles below the ocean's surface, crewmembers make a terrifying discovery: not all aliens come from outer space.

Fri, March 10: Deepstar Six (R), 7 p.m.

Sat., March 11: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (PG), 7 p.m. Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd. A private eye who lives in a magical world where humans co-exist with the likes of Bugs Bunny, must perform some super sleuthing when Roger Rabbit is implicated in a dastardly crime.

Sun, March 12: Physical Evidence (R), 7 p.m. Burt Reynolds, Theresa Russell. A young, inexperienced public defender must clear a down-and-out cop with a history of violence and alcohol abuse who had a well-known dislike for a recent murder victim.

Mon, March 13: Physical Evidence (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, March 14: Alien Nation (R), 7 p.m. James Caan, Mandy Patinkin. In this exciting sci-fi thriller, a homocide detective teams up with an alien immigrant from another galaxie to track down a vicious killer from outer space.

Wed, March 15: Crossing Delancey (PG), 7 p.m. Army Irving, Peter Riegert. The tale of a young bookstore clerk whose overprotective, Jewish grandmother hires a matchmaker to bring her niece together with a successful pickle salesman.

Thu, March 16: Gleaming the Cube (PG-13), 7 p.m. Christian Slater, Steve Bauer. A talented skateboarding teenager is obsessed with with solving the mysterious death of his adopted Vietnamese brother.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	March 10	Stealing Home (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat,	March 11	Transformers (PG)	1 p.m.
Sat,	March 11	Coming to America (R)	7 p.m.

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Presidians rescue woman trapped in car

story and photos by Steve Morey

It was about 11:30 p.m. on a dreary and rainy Sunday. In the middle of southbound Highway 101, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, lay an overturned car—its wheels still spinning. Inside was a woman, hanging upside down by her seat belt, legs sticking through where the driver's window once was.

With cars roaring by at more than 55 miles an hour, the woman was in danger of getting hit by one of those cars. Passersby didn't seem to notice, or care. However, three Presidians *did care*—and stopped to help the trapped woman.

By working together, their quick actions may have saved her life.

SSgt. Jorge P. Valdivieso Jr., who is trained as a medic, his wife, Bernadette M., and SSgt. Carl E. Smith were traveling separately along the rain-soaked highway March 5.

"We were driving along, just coming out of the tunnel," said Jorge, "and then, 'Bam!' there's this car right in the middle of the road."

The staff sergeant, who is a computerized tomography (CAT-scan) technician at Letterman Army Medical Center, and his wife both agreed that it was their duty to stop and help.

Smith also said he felt "obligated as a soldier and a human being" to help the perilously located car and its occupant.

"Apparently, [the accident] had just happened because the wheels were still spinning," explained Smith, Promotions Section NCOIC for the post's Personnel Services Branch.



The totaled car sits in an auto body shop yard one week after the March 5 accident.

Debris was everywhere

The car, with all windows broken and its roof caved in, was lying across the second and third traffic lanes. Debris from the car, strewn about 50 yards toward the side of the road, blocked traffic except for the far left lane.

"I thought a truck had dropped a load on the car. It was totally messed up—debris was everywhere. I pulled over to the [right] side of the road and backed up."

At about the same time, the Valdiviesos (whose 5-week-old son, Jorge P. III, was also in the car) had slowed down to the shoulder of the road a few yards behind Smith.

The two soldiers and Bernadette said they were the first motorists to approach the heavily damaged car in the pouring rain. At the time, they didn't know they were all Presidians; but afterward agreed that the "rescue operation" was handled in military style.

"Things went together real fast. You want to be in a situation like this where you can prove yourself," said Jorge.

While the couple attended to the woman, Smith stood in front of the car and directed passing cars around the overturned car.

"It was ridiculous. The cars were flying by like bats out of Hell," said Smith, who was without any warning lights or flares.

"The road was slick—*very* wet. But people kept passing us like nothing had happened." Later, an emergency squad arrived on the scene and one of the attendants handed Smith a flashlight to help him guide the traffic.

Rescue begins

Meanwhile, the Valdiviesos looked inside the white car. They saw a motionless woman, trapped upside down.

Bernadette, who is an X-ray technician and a former Army sergeant, said by the looks of the "pretzel figure" inside the mangled wreck, she thought the woman was dead.

"We also thought there was another passenger who might have been thrown from the car," she added. But a later search of the roadside by Bernadette and other passersby revealed no other bodies.

While Bernadette tried to flag down other motorists for more help, her husband checked around the car for gas or oil leaks, fearing a possible explosion.

Finding no apparent fuel leaks, he knelt beside the woman.

During this time, the group was joined by a man, only known as "Matt," who positioned his car so the lights illuminated the wreck; and then used his cellular phone to call the police.

"The first thing I did, of course, was to see if she was alive," said Jorge. "I started to ask her questions—'Are you OK?' 'Can you move?' She answered me and appeared to be all right. But then she said she was stuck."

Army training helps

Jorge, who has an Expert Field Medical Badge ("The EFMB training helped me to stay calm," admitted Jorge), checked the woman's vital signs and searched for any major injuries.

"I checked for blood, broken bones, all the things I'm trained to look for," continued the LAMC sergeant. "She was answering me incoherently, but she said she was OK."

Jorge said he tried to push the seat belt button to free the woman; but to no avail. He then tried to cut the belt using a small knife provided by Smith; but the knife wasn't sharp enough.

At about that time, a Sausalito police officer arrived on the scene and Bernadette asked him for a larger knife. The injured woman's body sagged after Jorge cut the belt. He then helped her to her feet.

"She asked, 'Are you guys all right?'" remembered Jorge. "That's when we noticed a strong smell of alcohol on her breath. I kept asking her, 'Are you OK?' and she just kept saying, 'Of course I'm all right,' as she staggered around."

Bernadette said, "My initial feeling [upon seeing her in the car] was intense sorrow—fear. But afterward I was mad" (after she smelled alcohol on the woman's breath).

DUI

According to California Highway Patrol Officer Scott Evans, the 32-year-old San Francisco woman was later arrested for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol.

According to Officer Evans, the woman only suffered minor cuts and bruises, mainly to her face; her car was totaled.

Said Smith, "My assessment of the accident is that the woman was driving too fast [on the slick road] and lost control while maybe driving under the influence," of alcohol or drugs.

"Years ago, I used to be dead-against using seat belts," admitted Smith. "But now I wear them all the time. If that woman hadn't been wearing one that night, we really would have found someone on the side of the road."

Concluded Bernadette, as she looked at her infant son: "This accident is the epitome of why you should not drink and drive and why you *should* wear a seatbelt.

"If she hadn't been drunk, [the accident] never would've happened."

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Voices

Child abuse victim dies; mother seeks answer

by Liz Greeley

***(Editor's note:** This story is about the child of a former Sixth Army Band member and Presidian. All the names have been changed to protect the rights and privacy of those involved. The mother is still in the Army Reserves.)*

Belinda is every parent's nightmare: A sweet 1-year-old toddler . . . who became a child abuse victim. Belinda isn't alive to tell her story, so her story will have to be told by someone else.

Day One

Belinda's mother, Annie, arrives home from work to discover from the babysitter that Belinda had some sort of "seizure" and is on the way to the hospital. OK, Belinda's mother thinks, we'll put her on some medication, and she'll be alright.

Annie calls her parents' house to find out if anyone has picked up her sons at the babysitter's house—then her father asks, "Have they gotten Belinda breathing yet?"

Thoroughly alarmed now, Annie heads for the hospital. She finds out they stabilized Belinda there and sent her on to another hospital. Annie heads for the second hospital.

At the second hospital, Annie finds out Belinda's in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. She also finds her husband, Joe, there with the babysitter.

The babysitter is very upset and keeps saying, "I would never hurt any of your children."

After a couple of hours, doctors appear to tell Annie and Joe that Belinda has either a virus, meningitis or has been abused. Frankly, they tell them, Belinda has been abused.

Child abuse?

A stunned Joe and Annie wait while Belinda is sent for x-rays and a CAT scan. The tests reveal multiple skull fractures.

As best as anyone has been able to determine to date, someone took Belinda's head and smashed it against a floor.

Day Two

The next day, the doctors tell Joe and Annie they are afraid Belinda was brain dead by noon. They ask for permission to perform the tests necessary to find out if she *is* brain dead, and schedule tests for the next day.

Joe and Annie remember another friend, still living on the Presidio, whose child might have lived if there had been an available organ for transplant. They ask if Belinda's organs could be donated if she dies. The doctors take steps to ensure Belinda's body receives all the oxygen and fluids necessary to keep her in good shape.

Annie feels a little better seeing color returning to Belinda's skin. She's comforted because Belinda doesn't have that awful gray look she had when she was admitted.

Arrested

Earlier in the day, the police arrest the babysitter's husband and charge him with Child Abuse Resulting in Death or Great Bodily Harm.

Day Three

Whose fault was Belinda's death other than the abuser? Did Annie check out the babysitter? Did the babysitter have a good reputation? Was there some important bit of information they neglected to check? Were there any signs they might be putting their two sons and daughter in an abusive environment?

The answer is no. The babysitter came highly recommended by old and dear friends. As for the environment, the babysitter seemed taken aback by how . . . active . . . two little *boys* can be. The babysitter has two little girls, and her busband obviously is smitten with both his daughters.

Someone smashed Belinda's head against a floor. Horrible as it sounds, Annie said the doctors told her Belinda would have sustained *fewer* injuries if she'd been thrown off a two-story building.

Day Seven

Annie and Joe's families gather for Belinda's funeral.

Monday, March 13, the babysitter's husband went before a grand jury. The outcome is unknown as this issue goes to press.

Something's wrong

Annie has been lobbying for legislation to protect children from abuse and stiffen the sentence for those convicted. Belinda's abuser faces a maximum of nine years in prison.

Annie points out that in her city, there were two child abuse incidents in 1986; four incidents in 1987; and there were *11* child abuse incidents in 1988.

"There's something real wrong with society if they're allowing this to happen," she said.

Call it murder

Maybe all parents should follow Annie's example of lobbying the state legislature for stiffer penalties for child abuse.

Belinda's alleged killer was charged with Child Abuse Resulting in Death or Great Bodily Harm?! Why isn't it **murder** in Annie's state to kill a child?



Ramblin' Sam

"What facility on post needs to be fixed up the most?"



1st Lt. Mary Van Atta, Adjutant, Headquarters Command Battalion: "Building 1214 where I work. It needs electrical repair, a fresh coat of paint and the ceilings need to be dropped."



Ruth Ann Dorsey, USO director on post: "It looks to me that the post is in good shape. The commissary needs work and [main post] parking is a problem—but we're taking care of these problems."



Jacqueline R. Porter, Secretary, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "The building where the Optometry Clinic is [bldg. 1012]. The area around the main entrance is very steep and unsafe. Maybe they could put the caution sign before the entrance so that pedestrians can see it."

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The Valdiviesos share a more quiet moment inside their Fort Baker quarters.

Alcohol related accidents

When SSgt. Jorge Valdivieso and his wife, Bernadette, approached the overturned car the night of March 5, memories of a past accident shot into his mind.

Both accidents, he said, reinforce why it's so important to wear a seat belt when driving.

The first incident, nearly five years ago, happened when Jorge was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He came upon an upside down car in the middle of the road, similar to the recent accident.

"I guess the car had hit a ravine and flipped over," recalled the LAMC staff sergeant. "When I looked inside the car, there were two men.

"The top of one man's head was just gone. He had crashed into the windshield. [He wasn't wearing a seat belt.] The other guy was hurt, but alive. He had his seat belt on.

"That accident was alcohol-related, too. When we saw the car [two weeks ago on Highway 101]," continued Valdivieso, "I experienced the same eerie feelings I did in Missouri.

"I had to keep going back to the [woman's] car after we got her out to see if there was another passenger—a ghost. But there wasn't.



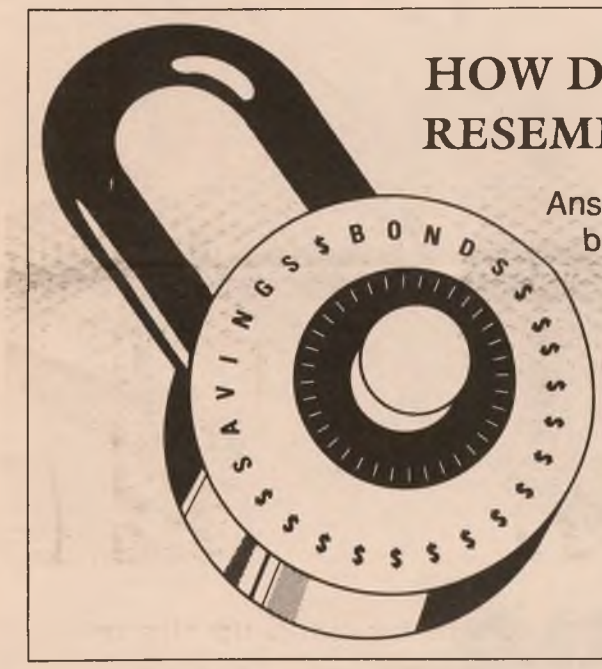
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PSF Idea of Excellence

This week's Idea comes from Capt. Greg Linville with the 864th Engineer Battalion. He points out that soldiers in P.T. formations on post are in danger from cars being driven too fast near the runners. To solve this hazard he suggests that a slow speed limit be set for traffic passing formations. Since there is no specific speed limit mentioned in the regulations, the Directorate of Safety staff will develop a new, safer policy for the Presidio.

Hats off to Linville and others for submitting their ideas to improve life on post. Call **561-IDEA** to let the Ideas Office know *your* idea.



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After checking with some local computer experts, the Energy Office Staff advice to you is this: Don't turn them on until you are going to begin using them, then don't turn them off until you are pretty sure you (and others) are through using the PC for the rest of the day. All PCs (especially the ones with hard drives) are stressed when they are started up and do not actually us much electricity.

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Soldiers Need to Know



Post tolerates no drug use

by Joel P. Smith

[Editor's note: Figures were unavailable for other post units. Nevertheless, we feel it is important to cite an example of the extent of Presidians' substance abuse. USAG is not the only unit with cocaine users. It is important to note that 483 people are assigned to USAG.]

Thirteen soldiers with Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, have been forced out of the service in the last 10 months.

All were "separated" after coming up "hot" for cocaine in urinalysis tests, said the company's top non-commissioned officer, 1st Sgt. John B. M. Hansell.

Said Company Commander, David W. Polomski, "We aggressively test for drugs at USAG. We test to ensure readiness, and the health and welfare of our soldiers."

Hansell said the growing number of forced-outs shows the Army will not tolerate any form of drug abuse.

"It's a felony," said Hansell. "When you're caught, your name goes into the national crime computer—the master blaster—and your record follows you around for the rest of your life."

If caught, drug abusers face more than a scandalous record. Up to five years imprisonment is the maximum punishment for "wrongful use or possession of a controlled substance," said Capt. Jere Diersing.

Chief of Criminal Law at the Staff-Judge Advocate's Office, Diersing added that soldiers, such as those separated from USAG, are often given an other than honorable discharge.

Loss of all pay and benefits follows such a discharge, said Diersing.

Fifteen years imprisonment is the maximum penalty for "manufacturing or possessing a controlled substance with intent to distribute," Diersing added.

Hansell notes that soldiers are punished long before being caught in a drug test. "There are other problems generated by the cocaine," he explained.

"Suddenly there are bills they can't pay; they get attitude problems, which means 'come to work' problems."

An official at Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention and Control knows of a shocking case. Eldrige Cunningham, a clinical specialist with the service, said a high ranking officer once stationed here became addicted to crack cocaine.

"In six months he lost his wife, his house and all of his bank account," Cunningham said.

"A man who becomes seriously addicted to crack," he continued, "will say, 'The h - - - with it all. I want the drug.'"

Diersing said he believes any drug user "should have no place in the Army. Obviously, it's a serious offense and isn't taken lightly by the SJA."

The NCOIC of Criminal Law, SSgt. John D. Brooks, agrees. He believes that cocaine, in particular, threatens the service.

"There's rampant cocaine use in the civilian sector and we're beginning to see a high use in the military as well," he explained.

"Cocaine has the potential to devastate a military organization. We're like a family and we have to rely on each other," he went on.

"Drug abusers [in the Army] are deteriorating a fabric people rely on for comfort and support. Cocaine use is, obviously, in contradiction to military service," said Brooks.

Hansell believes many of the soldiers he has seen forced out, used drugs because of peer pressure. "It's part of the San Francisco scene," he said, "and people get drawn into it before they know what they're doing.

"They get themselves in trouble because the military has a higher standrad due to its need for combat readiness," explained Hansell.

Brooks agreed the prevalence of cocaine in the Bay Area has lured soldiers into experimenting. "Society still views cocaine and heroine much more harshly than it does most other drugs.

"For that reason, the short term high is far outweighed by the serious legal risks of using them," he concluded.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

by Patrick Wilson

The Provost Marshal's office would like you to take just a moment to think about one of the more serious crimes that is committed on the Presidio: Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol. How many times have you left a party after having "just a few drinks" and gotten into your car to drive home?

While driving home did you notice the lines on the road were a little fuzzy and not exactly straight?

If you have ever been in this position then you have taken a chance with your life *and* the lives of all those driving with you. Being apprehended and processed for DUI is a serious matter. More than half the vehicle-related fatal accidents in the United States involved drivers Driving Under the Influence of alcohol. You also can be charged with driving while "impaired," if your blood alcohol content (BAC) is between .05 and .09 percent, and if your BAC is .10 percent or above, you can be charged for Driving Under the Influence. Furthermore, if you are found to be operating your vehicle under any amount of a controlled substance (drugs) you will *not only* be charged with Driving Under the Influence but also may be charged with the illegal use of that substance found in your blood.

One recent example of the consequences, other than killing yourself or another, is the case of a San Francisco woman who was stopped by the Military Police and found to have been drinking and driving. After a BAC test was administered, the MPs found she had a BAC level greater than .10 percent. The judge who heard the case found her guilty of Driving Under the Influence and placed her on probation for a period of **three years** under the following conditions:

- She complete the Department of Motor Vehicles approved Driving Under the Influence school;
- Her driving is restricted to driving to and from work or school;
- She attend 90 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings within a 90 day period;
- She undergo psychological counseling; and
- She pay a fine of $390.

Some facts should be remembered if you are a drinker: If you have consumed too much alcohol, only time will make you sober again. Coffee, cold showers and fresh air **will not** speed up or dilute your BAC level. It takes about one hour to reduce your BAC .02 percent.

If you must drink, don't drive! If you have already had too many drinks, let a sober friend take you home or call a taxi! If you are on post and you live on the Presidio, call the MPs; they will take you home. The Military Police would much rather give you a ride than find you in a traffic accident.

Army tries to save good soldiers

Not all drug users are immediately tossed out of the Army after failing a urinalysis test. Many are first referred to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control for counseling and, if possible, rehabilitation.

If a soldier can show, over a period of several months, that he or she can stay free of the drug (and the related problems), prosecution may not follow.

"I don't know of a single soldiers who's been separated after a single identification," said Joseph Przybyla, education coordinator for ADAP on post.

"The whole purpose of drug testing is not to throw people out of the Army, but identify those who have a problem and work to retain them."

The self-referral program offers counseling and clinical support to soldiers and their families who are trying to beat a drug habit.

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Lifeline

Blood donors sought for critically ill Guardsman

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

When PFC Kenneth Mondfrans was diagnosed with leukemia last month his doctors were amazed he'd been working, and leading a normal life for as long as he had. Mondfrans, who is a member of the 970th Military Police Company of the California National Guard, was told by his doctors Feb. 17 that he had two *pounds* of leukemia cells in his body.

The next day Mondfrans was rushed to the emergency room of Long Hospital at the University of California at San Francisco. He was admitted to the hospital on Parnassus Street where he has been ever since.

The 20-year-old has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments—and will be receiving a bone marrow transplant toward the end of April.

Mondfrans' brother, Gary, says they have received a lot of help already, but blood donors are desperately needed.

"We're shooting for a large platelet program. Anyone of any blood type can donate. The process takes a little longer than donating [whole] blood but the hospital will pay your parking."

To donate blood or platelets, Presidians can call the Long Hospital prescreening office at **476-6989** and schedule an appointment or have questions answered. Donations at other blood banks can stilll be earmarked for Mondfrans, just mention the hospital name and that it is for Kenneth Mondfrans.

For those in the San Mateo area, there is a one-day blood drive scheduled for April 2 at 143 MP Battalion Armory. The address is 400 N. Humboldt Street. For information, call SSgt. Irvin at **573-3820.**

Mondfrans has been in the military for a little more than a year. He completed basic training with seven certificates of excellence to his credit at Fort McClellan, Ala., in June 1988, and was assigned to the Army Reserves. He later switched to the National Guard. The National Guard in this area is affiliated with Sixth U.S. Army which is in charge of the mobilization and deployment of National Guard units.

The cost of this cancer diagnosis has been high to Mondfrans who anticipates paying $1 million in medical expenses. According to Sgt. Rich DeGregorio, training NCO of the 970th MP Co., Mondfrans does not have medical insurance and will need help coming up with the funds he needs to save his life.

The 130-member unit has banded together—starting a trust fund and donating much needed blood and blood platelets.

Mondfrans' co-workers at the National Guard are almost as anxious for him to return to the company as he is to resume his old life.

"He's a motivated individual," said 1st Lt. Terry Edinboro, assistant adjutant at the 970th. "He has Army publications all over his hospital bed and he's real anxious to get back to doing what a part-time soldier does."

According to Gary, Mondfrans' prognosis is good. His doctors say he has a good chance of survival and the results of a recent test shows that all the leukemia cells are now dead.

For Presidians intereted in helping Mondfrans, call the 970th MP Co. at **573-3818**. Blood or platelet donations can be arranged through Long Hospital or local blood banks, or at the April 2 blood drive.

The military often proudly says that it takes care of its own; here's a chance for the Presidio to prove it.



Star Presidian file photo
All donated blood is screened by technicians.

Army Times columnist offers sage advice

story and photo by Liz Greeley

She is to Army life—especially Army family life—what Erma Bombeck is to child-raising. *She* is Michele McCormick, and she spoke to almost 200 people at the Presidio Officers' Club March 8.

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club and President Arietta M. Valenti hosted this year's Bay Area Armed Forces Officers' Wives' Luncheon. Once every four years, the Presidio hosts the event. With the help of co-chairwomen Judy Shetler and Lucille Wiley, this year the club served up an impressive speaker for its luncheon.

McCormick is a columnist for "Life in the Times," published in the *Army Times*. Her columns also appear in the *Navy* and *Army Force Times*.

Before the luncheon got under way, McCormick was available in the Attic Lounge to sign her new book, "Polishing Up the Brass," complete with a photo of McCormick wearing a helmet while driving a tank.

Been there

McCormick is slim with curly brown hair and a thousand-watt smile. As a military spouse, she's seen duty in Italy, Germany and Hawaii; not to mention stateside assignments.

She took time to chat with the many women seeking her signature on a copy of her book. Soon, though, it was time to head downstairs to the main ballroom and lunch.

After "Molly Pitcher" (a POWC member in full costume) representing military wives, rang a luncheon bell; everything got started.

The LAMC Color Guard posted the colors. Then the Sixth U.S. Army Band played the service songs for the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The luncheon began, and soon it was time for McCormick to speak to spouses representing all military services. In fact, there was a representative from the Royal Air Force and another from the Royal Australian Air Force.

To military wives, regardless of country or service, McCormick's observations seemed to find a receptive audience.

Tips for women on the move

She noted a few idiosyncrasies she's developed during her years as a military wife. For example:

"I never throw boxes away," she said. This, she explained, has led several friends (who have seen her garage filled with boxes) to remark she must have just moved in.

"I never buy any furniture that isn't beige," she said. She explained this as her attempt to solve color-coordinating difficulties. Such difficulties seem to arise from living in post quarters all over the world.

"I never do any spring cleaning—what's the point? I *know* that in three or four years this house is going to be cleaned *really* well.

"And for years I was afraid to get any stationery. When I did, I made sure it only had my name on it' not my address. Civilian friends don't understand this," she concluded.

The attentive crowd seemed both sympathetic and amused. The point about buying only beige furniture seemed to be a universally understood situation.

But in the beginning...

Yet, McCormick said, before she married an Army officer, she had only limited contact with the military.

She *had* seen some generals at a few cocktail parties. Perhaps more importantly, she had seen "From Here to Eternity." These experiences led her to the following conclusions:

"All NCOs are handsome and strong-willed," and "Most generals like their martinis straight up."

It's nice to know, in the Year of the NCO, at least one of her observations is still valid . . . well . . . sometimes.



Michele McCormick (during booksigning in Officers' Club Attic Lounge) takes time to chat with Jane Crittenden. McCormick later addressed the annual Bay Area Armed Forces Officers' Wives luncheon.

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Sports

Armed Forces Basketball tourney winds down

Story and photo by Pleasant Lindsey III

One of the top military sporting events of the season ends tonight when the 1989 Armed Forces Basketball Championship team is named.

This event, which began Tuesday, pits soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen against each other in a battle for service pride in Gym No. 1, bldg. 63

Defending champion, All Army, will try to retain their crown with the likes of Kevin Houston, Earl Warren and six-year veteran, Walter Golden.

Last year, Army knocked off its armed forces rivals in a February tournament that went to the wire; they took the crown by holding off Air Force, 86-83.

All Army has completed its trialcamp on post and has two tournament championships under their belts this year. They beat Navy for the All Army Invitational Tournament in early February on post.

The squad defeated Navy again, 114-94, in the championship game of the 23rd annual Washington Basketball Tournament in South Lake Tahoe, Nev., Feb 18 and 19.

(Navy's leader is seven-foot, one-inch center, David Robinson, 1987's college player of the year, and the NBA's first pick by the San Antonio Spurs.)

In the Army, teamwork is taught in all jobs from day one. Even the chief of the Presidio Sports Branch is impressed by All Army's talent and skill.

"This is a team of shooters," said Bobbie Gascon. "These guys have excellent teamwork."

The Armed Forces Championship featured two games each night on Tuesday and Wednesday. The tournament is open to the public, and tickets for tonight's games at 7 and 9 p.m., are available at the door. For ticket information call the Sports Branch at **561-5032** or **561-4120.**

Next week's *Star Presidian* will have the tournament story and photos.

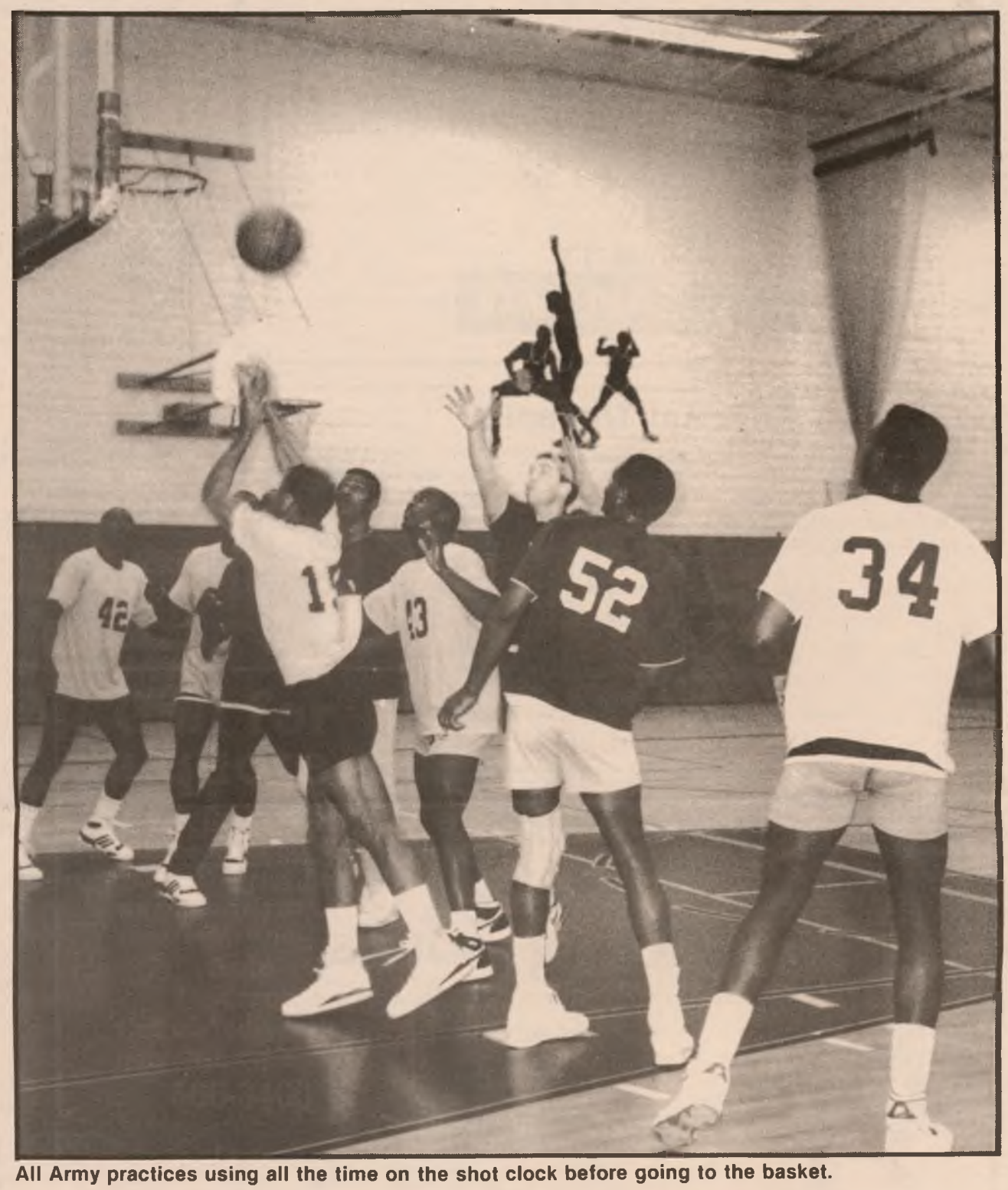
The 1989 Army squad has strength in speed and shooting, said second year Army Coach Harold Johnson, who has five players returning from last year's championship team. One of them is a true "Veteran."

Walter Golden is a six-year member of the Army team "Golden is a great all-around player," said Johnson. "He plays great defense; he's unselfish—I can put him anywhere."

Other returning players include Earl Warren, Andre Fleming, Jarvis Anderson and Kevin Houston.

Houston is another strong talent returning to the team. He was the NCAA Division I leading scorer during his senior year at West Point (1986 through 1987 season).

Army has an outside-shooting threat as well in Willie Linder.



All Army practices using all the time on the shot clock before going to the basket.

Linder, at 6',8", is described by Johnson as a "great jumper who can consistently score with the outside shot." Linder gives Army an option to use a penetrating offense or an offense that can revert to outside shooting, said Johnson.

"We've got good depth; great unity—it's going to take a very good ballclub to beat us," Johnson exclaimed. "We can run a lot of people in and out. Everyone knows their role."

Johnson, who coached women's basketball for West Point from 1980 to 1987, is accustomed to hearing one of the Army's popular battle cries: "Beat Navy!" This week, he's had the Air Force and Marines to contend with as well.

Sports Notes

Intramural golf

The 1989 Intramural Golf League begins April 6. Two days of practice rounds will be played March 23 and 30, to establish temporary handicaps.

An orgainizational meeting will be held in Gym No. 1, bldg. 63, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday. Units entering a team must have a team representative at this meeting.

For more information, call Charles Hurd at **561-4131** or **561-5032.**

West Point, Air Force Academy testing

Gym No. 1, bldg. 63, will be used Sunday for testing candidates for the West Point Academy and the Air Force Academy. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon; it will reopen upon completion of the test. All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

Youth baseball registration

Youth Baseball and T-Ball registration is being held now through March 24, at the Sports Office, bldg. 63, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The registration fee is $15 for each child with a $40 family rate for three or more children. Children turning 13 years old before Aug. 31 will not be eligible for participation.

Youth Baseball is looking for volunteers to coach the upcoming season. For more information call Allen Posey at **561-5051.**



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Community Calendar

ITT news

Marine World discount tickets are now at ITT. Now is a perfect time to visit Marine World Africa USA! It's a great time to take a stroll around the park. The price is right also. Only $11.50 for adults and children 3 through 12 years old get in for $8.50. Regular gate prices are $17.95 for adults and $12.95 for children. ITT has all the information at bldg. 215, or phone **561-3992.**

Easter services

Protestant Services

Palm Sunday (March 19): regular services; also, starting at 9:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday School's annual "Super Sunday" (featuring special music, refreshments and photos) in the Religious Activities Center (RAC), bldg. 682. Bus service to all post housing areas is provided to the classes for children (over three years old) to adults. For more information, call **561-3535.**

Last Supper Observance (March 23): 7 p.m., in the RAC;

Good Friday (March 24): 3 p.m., Post Chapel;

Easter (March 26): ***(Note: No CCD classes or childrens' Services on Easter.)***

7:30 a.m. (sunrise service), Post Chapel Garden;

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Easter Breakfast (scrambled eggs, French toast, grits, sausage, bacon, rolls, milk and coffee) in the RAC; regular Sunday School classes, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for children whose parents attend the 10 a.m. Easter service.

9 a.m., Charismatic, Fort Scott Chapel;

10 a.m., Easter Service, Post Chapel;

11 a.m., Easter Service, Fort Scott chapel; and

1 p.m., Gospel Service, Fort Scott Chapel.

Holy Week (Catholic) Services

Palm Sunday, Blessing the Palms: Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.;

Monday: Mass, 11:35 a.m.;

Tuesday: Mass, 11:35 a.m.; Penitential Service, 7 p.m.;

Wednesday: Mass, 11:35 a.m.;

Holy Thursday: Mass, 5 p.m.;

Good Friday: Liturgy, noon;

Holy Saturday: Confessions, 3 to 4 p.m.; Liturgy, 5 p.m.;

Easter Sunday: Mass, 9 and 11 a.m.

For more schedule information, call 561-4719 or 561-4239.



SATO travel

Hey you "Big Band fans!" The New Riverside Garden Inn in Santa Cruz has an overnight package to see Les Brown and His Band Renown on April 8. The package includes two tickets to that night's big band concert, plus lodging for two. For reservations call **(408) 423-2053.** Call soon, because space is limited. The cost of this package is $99.95.

Seniors, how about a stay on the Hotel Queen Mary in Long Beach? For $30.50 a person, (double occupancy), Sunday through Thrusday, enjoy an evening of romance and elegant dining. For stays on Friday or Saturday add $12 a peson. This special expires on May 31.

Come by SATO Travel bldg. 215, for more information and booking your reservations.

ITT hour change

Tomorrow, March 17, ITT will open at noon, instead of 9:30 a.m. SATO Travel hours will not be affected.

USO news

The USO regularly gets free tickets to The Great American Music Hall. Free tickets are available for David Bromberg Big Band, Turtle Island String Quartet, Black Shabbos, and Big Band Beat this month. Check with USO to see what's available.

This month a spouse was given a job at the Hyatt Regency Hotel through the USO employment program. It's an exciting job which uses her secretarial skills and provides free lunch at the Hyatt. (Who says there is no free lunch?) This week the Hyatt on Union Square listed two jobs with USO. If you are looking for work, come to the USO in the basement of bldg. 223 and register in the Job Search Program. The hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone **561-2436** for information.

Blood drive

The Letterman Army Medical Center and Letterman Army Institute of Research blood drive is March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and March 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The blood drive will be in LAMC's Schwartz Theater.

This joint effort supports Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center at Ford Ord, Calif.

For more information, call Capt. Elaine S. Perry at **561-2560.**

POWC

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club March tour will be a guided tour of the Corps of Engineers Bay Model in Sausalito March 30.

After the tour they will go to lunch at the Spinnaker Restaurant. POWC members will meet at the Officers' Club at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. The only cost will be the price of lunch and a share of gas/toll.

To sign up, call Ellen Litney **346-9436** before March 27. If you have visited the Bay Model and want to join them for lunch only, call and let the POWC know.

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation will be closed Sunday, March 26, in observance of Easter. Normal hours of operation will resume March 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Sailing lessons. Learn to sail on the beautiful San Francisco Bay! Basic sailing is taught through the Presidio Yacht Club. Lessons begin April 1, and will be held on two consecutive Saturday and Sunday mornings. The cost is $35.

For sign-up and information, call Joan at **883-3147** or the Presidio Yacht Club at **332-2319.**

Deep sea fishing trips. Outdoor Recreation will be sponsoring deep sea fishing trips aboard the Lucky Lady on the following dates: Salmon Fishing; boat departs 5:30 a.m., May 20 and July 15. Bottom Fishing; Boat departs 5:30 a.m., September 9.

The cost is $42 a person and includes transportation (if needed) to and from Fisherman's Wharf. All reports indicate great fishing this season!

Sign-up/payment will be made through ITT, bldg. 215, **561-3992.**

Commissary tour

Letterman Army Medical Center's Nutrition Care Division will be leading a tour through the Presidio's *Commissary, bldg. 252, 8:30 a.m.*, March 24.

The topic for the tour will be "Heart Smart Shopping," and the tour will be led my a dietitian from LAMC. The tour will last one and a half hours.

Reservations may be made by calling **561-3107.** Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn how to "shop smart" for your heart's sake.

Automotive certification

If you are a soldier with two years of hands-on experience in auto/truck repair or auto body, painting and refinishing, Call your education counselor at the Fort Scott or LAMC Education Center and learn about certification in automotive service excellence. The certification tests, which also carry college credit, will be given May 9 through 16 and must be ordered by March 24. Soldiers in certain MOSs pay reduced fees. Call **561-2974** or **561-4445 (Fort Scott) or 561-3692** or **561-4791** (LAMC) for more information.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, March 16: Gleaming the Cube (PG-13), 7 p.m. Christian Slater, Steve Bauer. A talented skateboarding teenager is obsessed with with solving the mysterious death of his adopted Vietnamese brother.

Fri, March 17: Gleaming the Cube (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, March 18: The Accidental Tourist (PG), 7 p.m. William Hurt, Kathleen Turner. After the death of his young son, a shy travel brochure writer finds new meaning to his life with the help of an eccentric dog trainer.

Sun, March 19: The Accidental Tourist (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, March 20: The Accidental Tourist (PG), 7 p.m

Tue, March 21: Full Moon in Blue Water (R), 7 p.m.

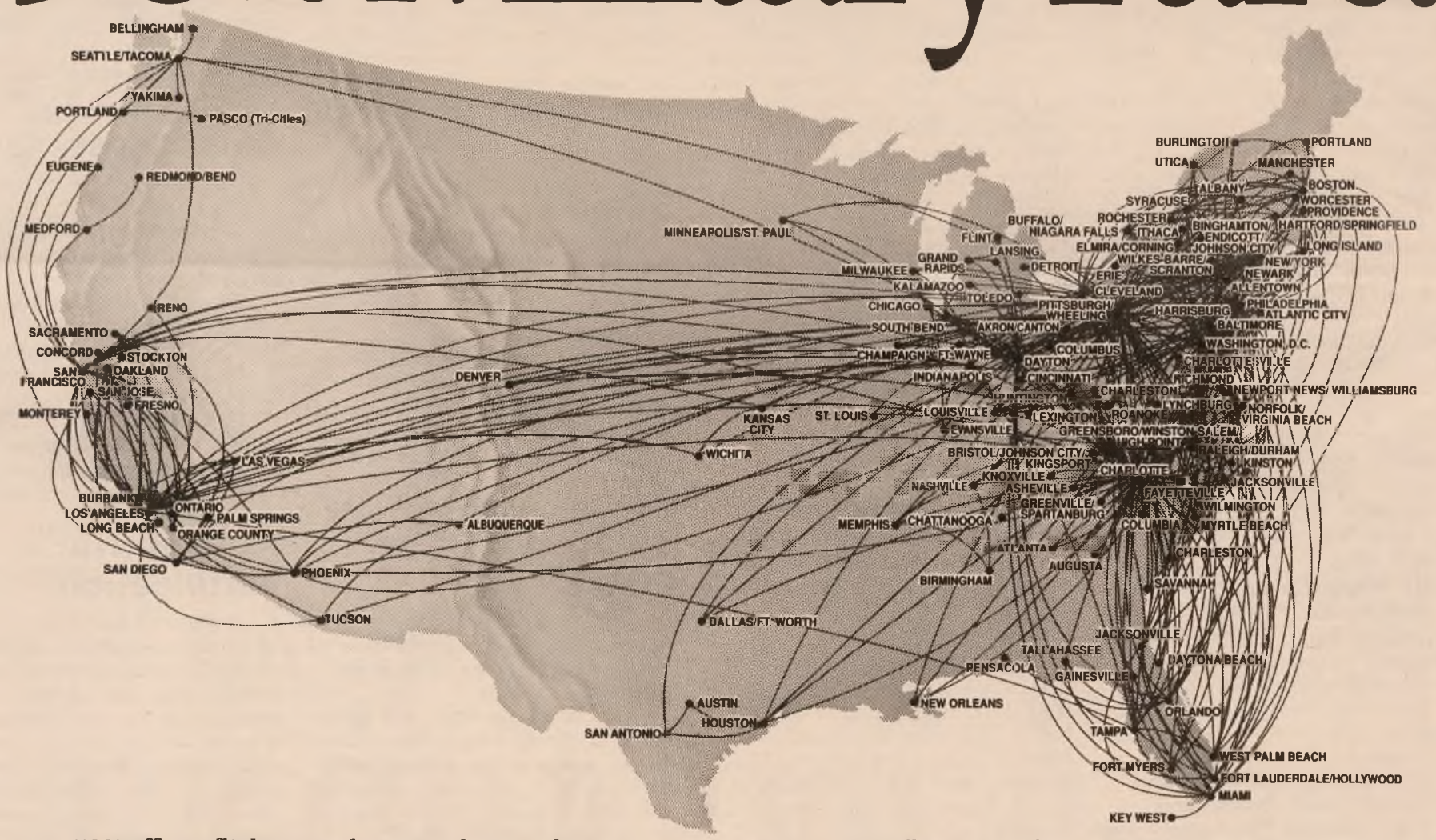
Wed, March 22: Iron Eagle II (PG), 7 p.m. Lou Gossett Jr., Mark Humphrey. American and Soviet troops bind together to locate an atomic reactor which is in the hands of terrorists deep in Moslem country.

Thu, March 23: Her Alibi (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Selleck, Pauline Poriskova. A romantic comedy about a successful mystery writer who volunteers a fabricated alibi to help a beautiful woman accused of murder.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	March 17:	The Great Outdoors (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat,	March 18:	An American Tail (G)	1 p.m.
Sat,	March 18:	Married to the Mob (R)	7 p.m.

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TOP: A rappeller bounds down the 30-foot makeshift tower.
RIGHT: PFC Kimberly S. Ellsworth checks her record during marksmanship training March 14 at Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

NCOs train at Parks RFTA

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Twenty-eight non-commissioned officers were tied up with rope March 14 and dropped over the edge of a 30-foot building at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

The event was a rappelling exercise for Sixth U.S. Army NCOs, held by the Parks NCO Academy and members of the 12th Special Forces Battalion.

Camouflaging and marksmanship skills also were taught at the day-long class, primarily designed for soldiers above the rank of sergeant first class.

"We wanted to give the senior NCOs a chance to do something they may not have done in weeks, months—and in some cases years," explained CSM Robert A. Whiteford, Sixth U.S. Army command sergeant major. Whiteford headed the exercise.

"Training ought to be fun," he said. "If it's not fun, then there's something wrong."

MSgt. Michael P. Benjamin would have to agree; he was at the end of his rope all morning long. Benjamin, a chief wardmaster at Letterman Army Medical Center, rappelled eight times—once with a full rucksack.

"It's nice to get out of the hospital for a day and back into the Army," Benjamin explained. On three rappels he dove head first—"Australian style," said Benjamin.

Benjamin said the training was important to NCOs because Presidio duty is not always as challenging as it is on posts with combat missions.

"This kind of training not only keeps your skills fresh, but it reminds you you're a soldier," he explained.

Special Forces NCOs and a Ranger taught the soldiers how to make a Swiss seat—a rope harness about 10 feet long. The seat can be tied in less then two minutes; it's used to quickly lower a person from a cliff or helicopter during rescue or combat operations, (Or, in this case, for thrills.)

"This training keeps them abreast of tactics and gets them ready to go to war," said MSgt. Tito M. Moreno, a senior medical advisor with Sixth U.S. Army Readiness Group.

"People in low-intensity MOSs (Military Occupational Specialties) like clerks and computer programmers, don't get into the field often enough," believes Moreno, one of the classes' instructors.

"If we go to war," the Ranger continued, "that's where we're going—the field. We're not going to war in our offices."

MSgt. Michael Bartch also stressed the preparedness theme. "The key to rappelling is that it helps you conquer fear," said the chief legal NCO at the Sixth U.S. Army Staff Judge Advocate's office.

"The first time you conquer fear had better not be on the battlefield."

Then there were the . . . uh, hesitant. MSgt. Milagros P. Pardo wanted to come back up, when halfway down. However, once on the ground, she said, "Yeah, I was scared at first. But it got better going down," explained the assistant inspector with the Sixth U.S. Army Inspector General's Office. "You never know when you'll need a skill like this."

Marksmanship training for the day didn't require qualification, but NCOs did have to zero their weapons. Whiteford said the exercise, which also included weapons disassembly and cleaning, was part of a new drive in Sixth U.S. Army to improve marksmanship skills.

Whiteford said results of a recent marksmanship test on the East Coast revealed that only 40 percent of Forces Command soldiers (which includes Sixth U.S. Army) could pass a marksmanship test.

He said given the poor figures in FORSCOM, he underestimated the NCOs training with him. "I was surprised at how well they did on the range. A lot of them are administration personnel and haven't fired in a long time," said Whiteford.

"Yet they didn't have trouble zeroing out there."

Perhaps the most unusual aspect of the training was the gut-felt portion of the exercise. "A lot of these senior NCOs haven't had MREs (Meals, Ready to Eat) yet," said Whiteford, commenting on the noon meal.

Training is supposed to stretch you," he continued, and then alluded to the MREs' bad gastronomic reputation. "This meal will stretch them even further."

Bartch said it was a day to brag about. "Sometimes it's almost embarassing. Your kid asks you, 'What did you do in the Army today dad?'

"And you say, 'Well, uh, I ran a computer.' Today I'll go home and tell my son [lowers his voice, inserts gravel], 'Today I went rappelling.' "

Bartch concluded, "Self-esteem, and how you're received by the community, is important to a soldier. This is the stuff you dream about doing when you first join."



Voices

Pesticides— hidden danger in our homes

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Pesticides may be killing more than just insects.

Any parent, following the continuing saga of news reports on pesticides knows enough to be worried about his or her children's safety.

When the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)released their report on the growing risk of cancer to children as a result of the fruits and vegetables they eat, the country reeled with shock and anger. In the weeks since the study's release in late February, supermarkets, baby food manufacturers and Army commissaries have been flooded with telephone calls from anxious parents wanting to know if the food they buy will harm their children.

The NRDC study investigated 23 pesticides and its possible effect on infants and children. They determined that between 5,500 and 6,200 American preschoolers eventually may get cancer as a result of their exposure to eight pesticides commonly found in fruits and vegetables they eat before the age of six. The NRDC report concludes that young children are especially at risk because their diet is heavy in fruits and vegetables and their immature organs are not able to detoxify the pesticides.

Particularly harmful is the chemical daminozide, known as Alar. Alar is a compound sprayed on many apples to enhance their color and prevent them from dropping off the trees prematurely. The NRDC reports that the average preschooler's exposure to foods containing Alar residues is estimated to result in a cancer risk of about one case for evey 4,200 preschoolers exposed to the potential carcinogen. This is 240 times greater than the cancer risk considered acceptable by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The concern over Alar has resulted in apples being taken out of the cafeterias of Bay Area schools in 32 cities.

Calls have been flooding into baby food manufacturers and apple juice bottlers.

In Los Angeles March 15, Mothers and Others Against Pesticide Limits Co-chairwoman Meryl Streep, the actress, spoke to the press about the concern over the safety of our food. She was joined by other movie and television stars who feel the risks to children are too high.

The furor over Alar and other pesticides has gotten confusing. Government agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Environmental Protection Agency, (which plans to ban Alar in the next year-and-a-half) and the Department of Agriculture dispute the NRDC report findings. The apple growers have reacted by planning an advertising campaign aimed to quell consumer fear. They maintain that only 10 percent of the nation's applies are treated with Alar and that consumers would need to eat two to three cases a day to be harmed.

In light of all this, what are Presidio parents to do? Post Commissary Produce Manager Deloris Thompson reports she is trying to find a supplier of organically grown produce. The problem so far is that there just aren't many large companies producing organically grown fruits and vegetables.

"We would like to be the first commissary to have all organically grown produce," Thompson added. In the meantime, she advises Presidians worried about Alar to stick with the green apples. Thompson also says she does not plan to stock fruit from Chile even though the government has approved returning Chilean-grown produce to the grocery shelves. (A tip-off to American officials in Chile about poisoned grapes spurred the government to test grapes. Cyanide was found to have been injected into two grapes and produce from Chile was temporarily recalled while more testing was done.)

According to the NRDC and the Sierra Club, there are things people, particularly parents, can do to lessen the risk of exposure to pesticides:

Wash everything

Some pesticide residue will be removed by washing fruits and vegetables in soapy water. Be sure to rinse the produce thoroughly if you use soap.

Peel what you can

Fruits like peaches, oranges and pears can be peeled. More residue is found in the skin, so peeling will help. It also makes sense to remove the outer leaves of vegetables like lettuce and cabbage.

Buy domestically grown produce

According to the Pesticide Action Network spokeswoman, many countries *do not have pesticide laws.* FDA sampling has found imported produce is twice as likely to have pesticide residue.

Buy organically grown produce

Organically grown produce is not sprayed with pesticides. This produce does not always cost more. As mentioned earlier the Presidio commissary is working on getting organically grown fruits and vegetables. Thompson says she plans to buy as much organic produce as she can when she shops for the commissary.

Other things worried parents might consider:

- Call baby food manufacturers and ask them how the produce they use is grown. When I called Gerber, a customer service representative told me the company has not bought apples treated with Alar since 1986. She said they also tested their juice and apple products often to make sure no Alar was showing up in their products. A new all-*organic* baby food manufacturer has just started dist*ributing in the Bay Area.* Check health food stores to see if they carry their products.
- Grow your own produce. It's not as hard as it sounds. Even a novice like me has successfully grown peas, beans, tomatoes and strawberries.
- Let your concerns be known. Write to produce growers, supermarket managers, elected officials, and baby food manufacturers, and urge stricter measures in pesticide regulation.

Ramblin' Sam

"Do you think controversial groups should be allowed to assemble and demonstrate in public?"



Georgina Tagoloa, stocker, main Post Exchange: "No I don't. You might call me prejudiced, but back in those days the Klu Klux Klan were some pretty bad people. I don't think people should give them the right to do anything."



Katrina Kermer, military family member: "No. I came from Germany during the Second World War and I saw what happened: Hitler was no good. I believe in freedom and equal rights, and those people want just one line. We went through Hell in that war, and I don't want to see that happen here."



Col. John Peirsol, allergy physician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Absolutely. It's a constitutional right to speak out no matter how repugnant their beliefs. The only time I would counter that is if there was chance that others might be harmed by physical violence."



Maj. Phillip Bryant, psychiatrist, attending Letterman Army Medical Center conference: "I think they should be permitted the freedom of speech. Once you prohibit someone from using that constitutional right, you have discriminated against them. I'd only stop them if there was the threat of violence."

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Bottoms away!

Sgt. Anthony D. Haag, from Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion on post, familiarizes himself with the control of a bulldozer outside bldg. 924 on March 14. According to Maj. John Costigan of Sixth U.S. Army's Force Integration Branch, the 26-ton, $70,000 bulldozer is one of four given to the engineers as part of a force modernization program by the post and Sixth Army. The Presidio will receive 16 more.

Manuel Facundo

Manuel E. Facundo, former Presidio EEO Officer, was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and lived in Mexico and Texas before joining the Air Force. He graduated from Golden Gate University, and did post-graduate work towards his Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology. After 15 years in the Air Force, and having worked as a sales manager and insurance salesman, he joined civil service as an analyst.

His EEO experience spanned 20 years, of which several were spent as a part-time EEO counselor, part-time Hispanic Employment Program Manager with the Air Force, and as a full-time Hispanic Employment Program Manager with the Navy. Facundo was with the Army from 1976, during which time he has worked as Command Equal Employment Opportunity Officer; Command Equal Opportunity Officer; Chief, Human Recources with HQ, Sixth U.S. Army; Full-time Federal Women's Program and Hispanic Employment Program Manager.

His military career included 15 years active duty and 10 years reserve duty with the Air Force. After 11 years in the Army Reserve, he retired in 1988. His community work included working in an urban community settlement house where he did referral and youth counseling; on his county's Mental Health Advisory Board, where he planned mental health treatment for Hispanics; chaired a hot-line for his city, was a member of the American G.I. forum, and was the former President of the Federation of Latin American Clubs, Europe.

Manuel Facundo passed away March 15. There will be a grave-side service today, March 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Presidio National Cemetery. The family requests that instead of flowers, donations be made to the Hospice of Petaluma, 415 A Street, Petaluma, CA 94952.

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For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732**, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Summer jobs

The Civilian Personnel Directorate will be accepting applications for summer employment starting now through April 14. Applications will be taken from high school graduates and college students. Anyone interested in applying for clerical, clerk typists and laborer positions should submit their applications to the Civilian Personnel Directorate before April 14.

To get an application, visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Nate Kimbrough at **561-5758** for information.

Energy Tip of the Week

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Soldiers Need to Know

Riggers jump for joy (and training too!)

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

On March 11, 10 men from the post Air Delivery Section tailed a jeep at Hamilton Army Air Field that was traveling about 130 knots and had no driver.

The soldiers, all parachute riggers, followed the jeep out the ramp of a C-130 airplane flying at 1,100 feet. The 2 p.m. jump was a "heavy drop" exercise—a test of the section's ability to safely air deliver troops and equipment.

SFC Manuel Pelaiz, NCOIC of the section, said the drop allowed troops to practice tactics often used by Special Forces, Rangers and other elite units: parachute in an area in a small band with all the supplies necessary to do the job.

"Our job is more than packing parachutes," explained Sgt. Lawrence E. Thompson, floor NCO at the section.

"We have to stay proficient in dropping heavy equipment and jumping out of planes."

Three new rigger's school graduates have joined the section in the last three weeks; the operation was also their first training jump here.

Both veterans and cherries were tested. The section chief, CW2 Gaylin Jesmer and his senior NCOs got a chance to critique the new jumpers. And the new soldiers wanted to know if they could depend on their superiors.

"Whenever you jump, there's an anxiety factor," said PFC Richard A. Yeomans, one of the new soldiers at the shop.

"Having the experienced NCOs around helps put your mind at ease," he continued. "If something goes wrong, say when you're just about to exit the aircraft, they know what to do for you."

Given the hazards on the ground at the airfield, it was also a safety test. Thompson lists the pitfalls there: "There's concrete landing pads, fences, drainage ditches [to drown in], two or three buildings, deer and assorted jack rabbits."

But, in spite of all the dangers, most soldiers forgot they were training and believed they were just having a good time.

Thompson, pointing out it was a Saturday jump, said, "Work in the shop is a day-to-day thing. Here, we don't think of a jump as giving up a weekend. We think of it as fun (and training)."



A soldier at the landing zone measures the wind speed with an anemometer.



Parachute riggers jump over Hamilton Army Air Field.



A soldier packs his gear before the March 11 jump.

Post Fights Back

1989 STACAP; an exercise in terror?

by Joel P. Smith

A military policeman was "shot and killed" on post March 9 by two "terrorists" who later escaped with two hostages.

The MP, whose identity is still a mystery, stood silently by after being gunned down by a terrorist carrying a Soviet-made AK-47, to see how his fellow officers would respond to the "murder."

The morning crime spree was part of an exercise to test how officials would handle a threat to the post, according to Maj. William Reese, post Provost Marshal.

Called STACAP, for Special Threats Counteraction Plan, the post-wide alert has been held annually for at least 10 years, said Col. Timothy P. Gilbert, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization.

"Real-world training for real-world threats," is the objective, said Gilbert, whose office choreographed the misdeeds.

Most of the Army services tested in the exercise know only that it is usually half a day long, and held in the last two weeks of February, Gilbert said.

This year, the plan called for two terrorists (who in reality were San Francisco FBI agents) to flee a San Francisco surveillance site, and careen through the Presidio.

The agents drove on post shortly after 5 a.m. and "caused" an imaginary accident near the intersection of Lombard and Ruger streets, said Reese.

One servi[illegible] member and one civilian were "injured" when their car crashed into a telephone pole after it was forced off the road by the "terrorists."

This part of the exercise tested the response of emergency services on post, including paramedics from the fire department here, and doctors at Letterman Army Medical Center.

Gilbert said their response time was "very, very fast."

After fleeing the accident, the terrorists were pulled over by an MP who thought he was making a routine traffic stop. Unbeknownst to him, a second car with a terrorist was—but was not—pursuing him.

This is where it gets confusing. Gilbert's office had written the plan to include three terrorists, but terrorists being what they are—completely undependable and irresponsible—only two showed up for the exercise.

So the next events require a stretch of the imagination: The unidentified MP was killed with an AK-47, which was really an M16 using blanks, by a terrorist who didn't show up, and was really an FBI agent anyway, who was driving a back-up car which wasn't there.

Then, in the real-world exercise, they took two hostages. The terrorists, that is.

They drove away from the imaginary carnage, and stopped at the old Defense Language Institute-San Francisco, just long enough to nab two joggers.

They took them inside an abandoned building, and, with a radio they had stolen from the MPs car, began calling their denands to the post hostage negotiation team.

First they wanted an arnored personnel carrier, said Reese, but couldn't get it in their 10-minute deadline.

About this time, the Law Enforcement Company's Special Reaction Team (a military version *of S.W.A.T.) arrived and began* planning how to "take out the hostage takers," *Reese said.*

Gilbert said another special force, hearing that the kidnappers were hundry, "had 10 burgers in there just like that. We do it your way," he explained.

Then the terrorists demanded a helicopter, but again were told that that would mean a long wait. They settled for a car with flashing lights and a nice radio.

When the terrorists walked out of the building, heading for the car, they surprised the MPs on the perimeter, said Reese. Each terrorist, holding a hostage, was covered with a sheet.

The MPs didn't know which was which, until one terrorist began firing a weapon, Reese explained. The terrorists had to lift the sheet to find the vehicle, and were shot by an MP, said Reese.

Another MP pretended to shoot the car's ti.es out.

The terrorists, not knowing that they were dead and driving a car with four imaginary flat tires, sped away with their hostages.

Within seconds they were off post, said Gilbert. Minutes later they returned and were killed a second time, said Capt. Billy I. Jackson, chief of the garrison Emergency Operations Center.

"It's tough to play real-world without real-world bullets," said Gilbert. "We didn't have a way to make them [the terrorists] feel dead, so they didn't feel dead. That's why they drove off."

Reese said they never would have gotten off post in a real counter-terrorist action. The FBI and San Francisco Police Department would have had every exit blocked and bristling with guns.

Even though the exercise was, and is, somewhat confusing to most involved, Gilbert called it the "best we've ever done."

He added, "It was a no-win situation to begin with. These were hard-core criminals out to test every facet of our organization.

"But all the directorates handled their part well. I'd give applause to every one of them."

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Lifeline

New AIDS workshops given to Presidians

by Steve Morey

A post supervisor's report on one employee: "He's a hard worker and always ready to help out in the office. He's dependable, trustworthy and efficient. I recommend him for any future promotions within his office."

The supervisor then learns that the employee has tested positive for HIV (the virus that can cause Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

How should the supervisor react? What should the supervisor say, or do, about the employee? Is HIV, ARC (AIDS Related Complex) or AIDS considered a handicap?

These types of questions are often raised during monthly "AIDS in the Workplace" sessions at the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37.

The newly formed CPD workshop is designed to help supervisors and their workers deal with HIV-infected employees from a medical, personnel and legal perspective. Workshop students also are told that there is a big difference between "AIDS the disease" and *people with AIDS.*

Breaking new ground

"We're breaking new ground with these classes," said Dwight Carnes, the AIDS training program manager. "With AIDS, a lot of our behavior is based on our own beliefs and values.

"The topic deals with the 'unspeakables'—sex and death. There's no cure [or vaccine] for AIDS. If you have AIDS, research shows that you're going to die.

"And that's very hard to talk about."

But the workshop instructors and students do just that—talk. They speak about how their values, morals and attitudes could affect the hiring or promoting of and HIV-infected employee.

Carnes co-instructs the sessions with Gina Razel, from CPD's Management/Employee Relations Division; Gail Petersen, from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; and Sandy Green of Preventive Medicine at Letterman Army Medical Center.

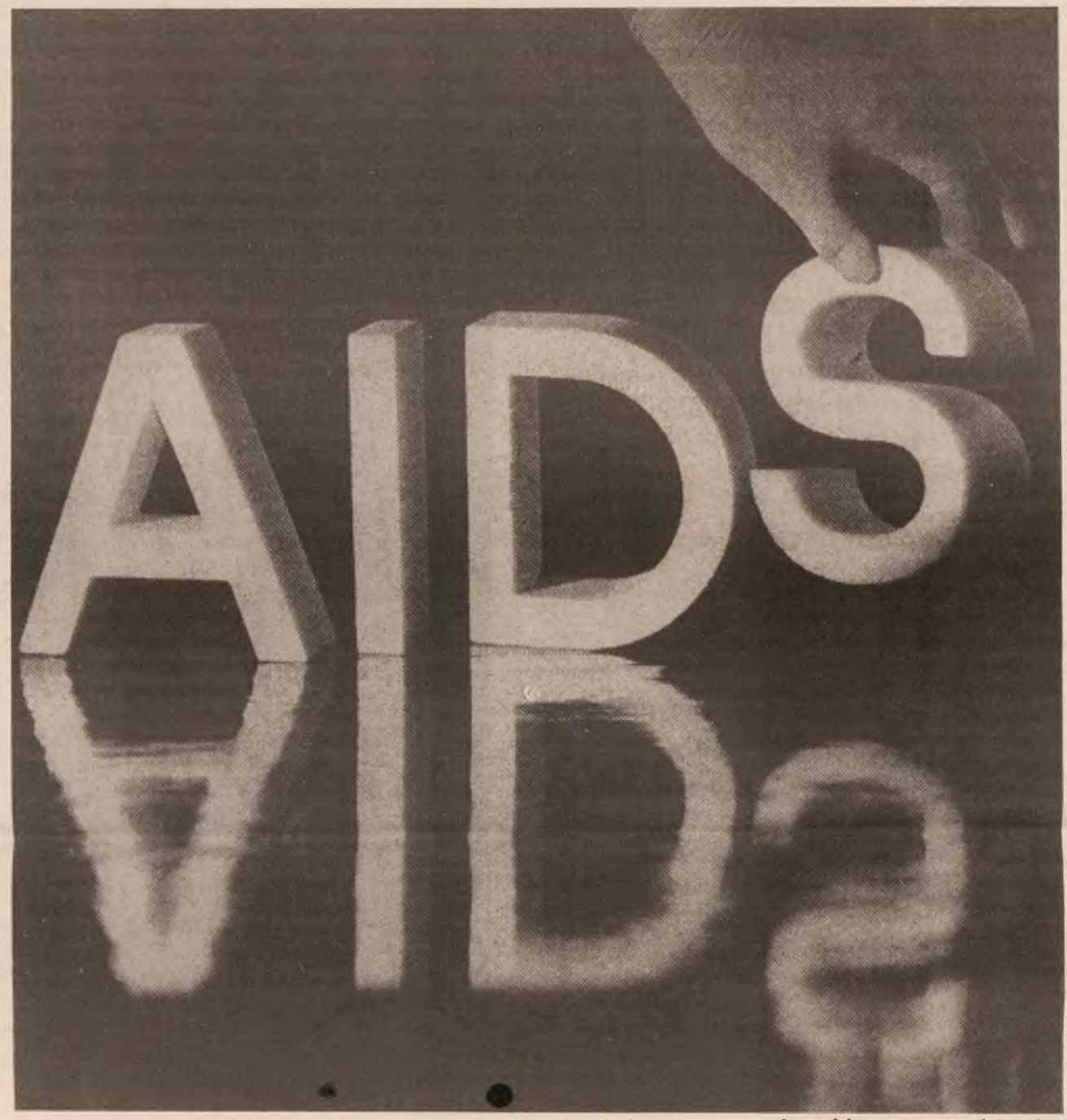
According to Razel, once a supervisor knows about an HIV-infected employee, he or she cannot discriminate against that person.

"Because of policies instituted last year, we want everyone to get on board so they're familiar with these new policies," added Razel, CPD's labor relations officer.

Federal AIDS guidelines

According to Carnes, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in March 1988 issued Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) 792-42.

Entitled "Guidelines for AIDS Information and Education and for Personnel Management Issues," the manual helps federal agencies establish effective AIDS education programs and to handle AIDS-related personnel situations in the workplace.



"AIDS is a handicap," pointed out SJA's Petersen. "A person who is HIV-positive [meaning the person's blood contains the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS] is considered disabled and cannot be discriminated against."

AIDS education programs in government agencies and organizations are not yet mandatory; but will be later this year, said Carnes.

Increased AIDS interest

The post CPD began their workshop six months ago, said Carnes, because of the increased AIDS interest in the Bay Area.

"It will take awhile to get the program firmly instituted on post," explained Carnes. "We're starting at the top and working our way down to the workers."

Earlier this year, Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Commander of the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army, and members of his command staff, participated in the workshop.

Carnes added that on-site civilian AIDS training programs are available upon an office's request. For more AIDS workshop training information, call Carnes at **561-2554**. Military training also is available. Call Green at **561-3929**.

Getting correct and up-to-date AIDS information, agreed all of the instructors, in essential to dealing with possible problems in the workplace.

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Sports

All Army wins championship second straight year

story and photo by Steve Morey

The All Army Basketball Team continued its military dominance by clinching it's second straight Armed Forces Championship on March 16. with a 96-83 win over All Navy in Gym No. 1

The double-elimination tournament, played March 14 through 16 before sellout crowds, featured the top 48 players from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

"We wanted to defeat the toughest team in the Championship," said six-year Army forward, Walter Golden, who scored a team-high 19 points.

"I think our whole team preferred to face Navy rather than Air Force, just to prove that we could beat David Robinson."

To be able to beat a team which has a dominant player with his caliber is a testament to our entire team and Coach [Harold] Johnson."

Army entered the all-service event with three 1989 wins over Navy, including a 110-94, come-from-behind victory March 15.

(The other two defeats were at the All-Army Invitational on post, and the 23rd annual Washington Tournament in South Lake Tahoe, Nev.)

It would be safe to say that Robinson—a seven-foot, one-inch future National Basketball Association player—and his teammates were out for revenge.

Added Army's Earl Warren: "We really wanted to get away with a win against Navy [in the second round] to put them in the loser's bracket.

"We wanted all the pressure on them heading into the championship. Warren sank 16 points in the championship game.

The Army-Navy matchup in the finals was set up by a third-round, 97-91 Navy win over Air Force the afternoon of March 16.

The championship game

Army seemed destined to put Navy away at the 12:22 mark of the first half when they streaked to a 22-15 lead. The soldiers used aggressive rebounding and a trapping defense to keep Navy at bay.

Navy briefly manned the helm, 26-24, two minutes later on a Chris Washington hoop. That's when an Army barrage hit the sailors and swept the Army crowd into the action.

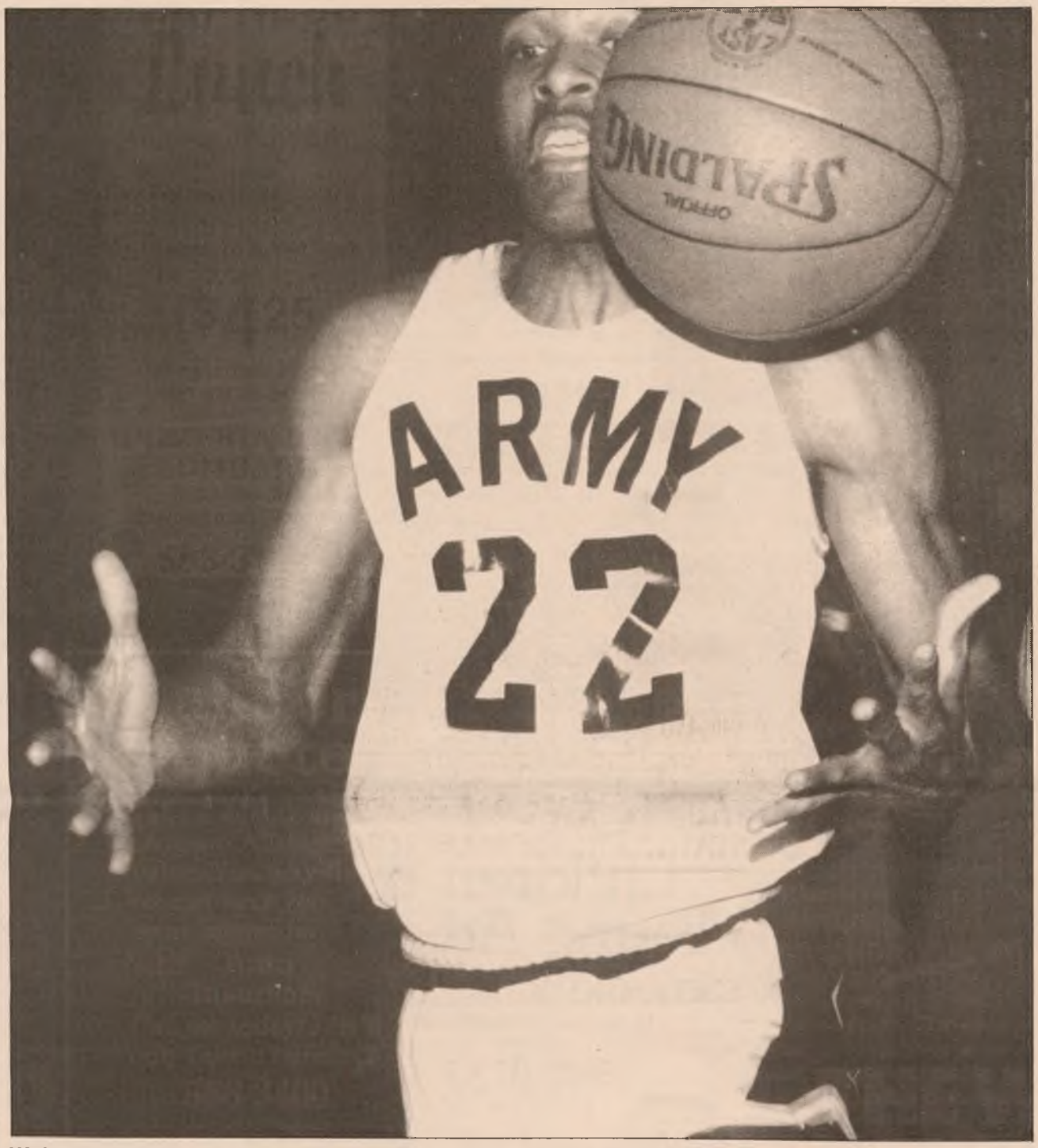
"At one point of all our games this year we get something like 16-2 or 20-5 offensive spurts which gives us comfortable leads," explained team leader Golden, who leaves the Army this year after three gold medals in six years of Armed Forces play.

The Army squad used 16-2, 17-8 and 5-0 surges to dominate the first half, 62-36. The offense was led by Samuel Addison and Warren's playmaking while the stingy rebounding of Golden and Jarvis Anderson challenged Robinson and teammate, Raymond Lettsome.

In the process Robinson, who scored 19 points on the game, picked up four fouls and spent the later minutes of the half watching from the bench.

Second half action

Robinson treated the crowd to an early second half scoring and shot-blocking binge similar to the play the NBA's San Antonio Spurs hope to see.



Wallace Northcut tries to get a handle on a sideline pass during the championship game.

The center's efforts spurred Navy to cut Army's lead from 69-50 to 86-79 with about five minutes to go—the closest Navy could get.

Kevin Houston sealed Navy's coffin with two 3-pointers and his ever-present clutch free throws down the stretch. Fittingly, Houston fed the outgoing Golden for Army's final bucket.

The Armed Forces Basketball Team left the Presidio Tuesday and headed to Lewistown, Mont., for the Western Invitaional Tournament, March 22 to 25.

In the next 30 days, the 12-member squad will face a dozen semi-proffessional and college all-star teams in four separate tourneys.

"Being that this is the most recent championship, I'm more happy with this win than the others," said a smiling Golden, who soon will pursue a collegiate coaching career.

"I can still feel the effects of winning the gold medal."

Armed Forces Championship results

Gold Medal: Army; **Silver medal:** Navy; **Bronze medal:** Air Force.

March 14: Army vs. Marines, 125-84; Navy vs. Air Force, 99-78.

March 15: Air Forces vs. Marines, 115-90; Army vs. Navy, 110-94.

March 16: Navy vs. Air Force, 97-91; Air Force vs. Marines, 119-113; and Army takes the championship with a 96-83 win over Navy.

Sports Notes

Youth baseball

Youth Baseball and T-Ball registration is being held through tomorrow, at the Sports Office, bldg. 63, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The registration fee is $15 for each child with a $40 family rate for three or more children. Children turning 13 years old before Aug. 31 will not be eligible for participation.

Youth Baseball is looking for volunteers to coach the upcoming season. For more information call Allen Posey at 561-5051.

Giants baseball tickets

Tickets go on sale at ITT March 31 for the April 11th game vs. LA. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis but active duty soldiers have priority.

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Community Calendar

Easter services

Protestant Services

Last Supper Observance (March 23): 7 p.m., in the RAC;

Good Friday (March 24): 3 p.m., Post Chapel;

Easter (March 26): *(Note: No CCD classes or childrens' Services on Easter.)*

7:30 a.m. (sunrise service), Post Chapel Garden;

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Easter Breakfast (scrambled eggs, French toast, grits, sausage, bacon, rolls, milk and coffee) in the RAC; regular Sunday School classes, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., for children whose parents attend the 10 a.m. Easter service.

9 a.m., Charismatic, Fort Scott Chapel;

10 a.m., Easter Service, Post Chapel;

11 a.m., Easter Service, Fort Scott chapel; and

1 p.m., Gospel Service, Fort Scott Chapel.

Holy Week (Catholic) Services

Holy Thursday: Mass, 5 p.m.;

Good Friday: Liturgy, noon;

Holy Saturday: Confessions, 3 to 4 p.m.; Liturgy, 5 p.m.;

Easter Sunday: Mass, 9 and 11 a.m.

For more schedule information, call 561-4719 or 561-4239.

Good Friday concert

There will be a concert by musicians from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, tomorrow, March 24 in the Fort Mason Chapel at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

User's group

A Presidio Macintosh User's Group is being organized. Individuals wishing to share information, software demonstrations and problem-solving are invited to attend the first brown bag luncheon meeting on April 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., bldg. 667. The group meets on the second floor of Outdoor Recreation (near the Presidio pet cemetery, next to Veterinary Services and across from the Auto Crafts Shop). Call 561-4560 for details.

Family portraits

Here's an opportunity to get those Mother's Day photos of your family. The Arts and Crafts Center, bldg. 122, offers five, 4 x 5" color prints for $25. Appointments for sittings are every 30 minutes and additional prints may be ordered. Pre-payment is required.

Call 561-ARTS for appointments on these dates: March 24, 25, 28, 29 and May 19 and 20.



Skin Deep

A funny film for a holiday weekend. John Ritter stars in this comedy playing thoughout the Bay Area.

Hamilton shuttle fare increase

Starting April 1, the cost of the Hamilton Shuttle Bus Ticket Book will increase to $10 for a book of 10 tickets. Tickets bought before April 1, will still be sold at $6 a book of 10 tickets, with a limit of two books a person. Books may be bought at the Movements Branch, bldg. 35, room 116.

Commissary tour

Letterman Army Medical Center's Nutrition Care Division will be leading a tour through the Presidio's Commissary, bldg. 252, 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, March 24.

The topic for the tour will be "Heart Smart Shopping," and the tour will be led by a dietitian from LAMC. The tour will last one and a half hours.

Reservations may be made by calling 561-3107. Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn how to "shop smart" for your heart's sake.

Blood drive

The Letterman Army Medical Center and Letterman Army Institute of Research blood drive is today, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and tomorrow, March 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The blood drive will be in LAMC's Schwartz Theater.

This joint effort supports Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center at Ford Ord, Calif.

For more information, call Capt. Elaine S. Perry at 561-2560.

Education Center

Spelling. Spelling is a problem for many people. The Education Center's spelling workshop will cover such topics as spelling rules, basic sound and spelling patterns. The course meets April 3 through May 29, Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Introduction to Microcomputers. Enter the computer age with this beginning course, which meets April 7 to May 12, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. You will become computer literate by learning computer terminology through hands-on experience. The course is free for active duty soldiers and DA civilians; if space remains, others may enroll for $100.

For more information or to enroll in either course, call the Army Education Center, bldg. 1216, 561-2974 or 561-4445 or LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, 561-3692 or 561-4791.

ITT news

Great America "Good any Day" tickets available now

Great America's "Good Any Day" discount tickets are now available at ITT. "Good Any Day" tickets give you unlimited use of *all* rides, shows and attractions. Great America offers entertainment for all ages, so buy your "Good Any Day" tickets now. Adult tickets cost $12.75; tickets for children 3 to 6 years old are $8.75; children 2 years old and *younger are admitted free.* Adults save $5.20 off the regular gate price.

Marine World discount tickets

Now is a perfect time to visit Marine World Africa USA! The cost is only $11.50 for adults; for children 3 to 12 years old, tickets are $8.50. (Regular gate prices are $17.95 for adults and $12.95 for children.)

Northern California boat show

Get your free tickets to the Northern California Boat Show at ITT. The show will be held at the beautiful Marina Village in Alameda.

To buy tickets for any of these events, visit or call ITT, bldg. 215, 561-3992.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call 929-TALK.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, March 23: Her Alibi (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Selleck, Pauline Poriskova. A romantic comedy about a successful mystery writer who volunteers a fabricated alibi to help a beautiful woman accused of murder.

Fri, March 24: Her Alibi (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, March 25: The Land Before Time (G), 7 p.m. Animated. Marvelous collaborative effort from George Lucas and Steven Spielberg about four young dinosaurs and their search for the Great Valley where they can all live in peace.

Sun, March 26: The Burbs (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Hanks, Carrie Fisher. The life of a stressed-out suburban husband is aggravated by mysterious and reclusive next-door neighbors.

Mon, March 27: The Burbs (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, March 28: The Burbs (PG), 7 p.m.

Wed, March 29: Big (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. A young boy makes a wish to be "big" to a fortune telling machine. The next thing he knows, he's an adult and climbing the corporate ladder of a toy company.

Thu, March 30: Who's Harry Crumb? (PG-13), 7 p.m. John Candy, Jeffrey Jones. An incredibly bumbling detective manages to solve a kidnapping in spite of himself by using bizzare disguises.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	March 24:	Dead Heat (R)	7 p.m.
Sat,	March 25:	The Kid From Not So Big (G)	1 p.m.
Sat,	March 25:	Hero and the Terror (R)	7 p.m.

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News Briefs

Indiana Jones crashes on Hamilton Army Air Field

A stunt for *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* was filmed March 22 at Presidio sub-post, Hamilton Army Air Field. The scene included a close up shot of a German biplane crash landing. A replica model (almost full-size) was attached to a truck-mounted boom, then slammed into the ground while traveling at about twenty miles per hour, just off of the taxiway at Hamilton.

The shot will be included in the third "Indiana Jones" movie, expected to be released this May.

Presidio and its sub-posts are host to about 10 to 20 films, commercials and videos each year. Presidio Public Affairs coordinates these films through the various concerned agencies and directorates. The Treasurer of the United States gets the permit fees for these films, averaging from $700 for a half-day shoot, to about $1,700 for a 12-hour shoot, depending on specific requirements.

For more information, or to coordinate a film permit request, call Tom R. MacKenzie, Garrison Public Affairs Office at 561-5187 or 561-5465, or drop by room 212, bldg. 37.

Road closure

The intersection at Gorgas Avenue and Truby Street will be closed from 7:30 to 10 a.m. on April 11. The Presidio and Letterman Army Medical Center will be conducting a potable water exercise at that time, and the intersection will be blocked by water hoses and emergency vehicles.

Flatten used boxes

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing asks that residents flatten all empty boxes before placing them in dumpsters. DEH has found that this is not being done by the family housing occupants in the 1500 area. Unflattened boxes placed in the dumpsters are responsible for constant overflow when garbage is tossed on top. This can lead to an unsanitary area.

AER keyworkers

Army Emergency Relief keyworkers for this year's campaign will meet tomorrow, March 31 at 9 a.m. at TSC (Training Support Center) Auditorium. Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr. will kick-off the two-month campaign on post.

Summer jobs

The Civilian Personnel Directorate will be accepting applications for summer employment starting now through April 14. Applications will be taken from high school graduates and college students. Anyone interested in applying for clerical, clerk typists and laborer positions should submit their applications to the Civilian Personnel Directorate before April 14.

To get an application, visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Nate Kimbrough at 561-5758 for information.



Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, Lt. Gen James E. Moore Jr.,welcomes Lt. Gen. Colin L. Powell, FORSCOM commander, to Funston House.

New FORSCOM commander discusses Army theme

story and photo by Steve Morey

Lt. Gen. Colin L. Powell, soon-to-be commander of U.S. Forces Command, spoke on this year's Army theme, "The Year of the NCO," during his post visit last week.

On Tuesday—one day before his 52nd birthday—Powell will replace Gen. Joseph T. Palastra Jr., who is retiring as FORSCOM commander.

Powell met with Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco Commander, and Col. Joseph V. Rafferty, U.S. Army Garrison Commander.

Powell described his nationwide FORSCOM visits as a "learning tour." He'll use the time before assuming command to gain as much information about each FORSCOM installation within the Sixth, Fifth, Fourth, Second and First Continental Armies.

Speaking from the living room of historic Funston House on March 22, Powell stressed NCOs have a greater responsibility this year while in the Army spotlight.

Year of the NCO

"'The Year of the NCO' is a great theme for one of our designated years," said Powell. "It also fits in with the Army's emphasis on training. [Field Manual 25-100, "Training"] really puts the responsibility on NCOs for the individual training of soldiers."

Powell added that FORSCOM soldiers can expect his command to be "aggressive—moving forward" on the NCO theme. FORSCOM will highlight the importance of the NCO corps during their daily missions, he said, and the NCOs' commitment to leading, training and caring for soldiers.

"Throughout my career, from second lieutenant to general, NCOs have been rescuing me," admitted the 30-year veteran.

"It's one thing to come up with the plans and give orders, but when it comes down to the actual execution of those orders, where a first line supervisor must lead the soldiers, that almost *always* comes down to an NCO.

"Good NCOs make a good Army."

Committed to duty

The former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs said today's soldiers are committed to duty.

"They're all volunteers who are proud to serve their nation, and their nation is proud of them," said the New York, N.Y., native.

Powell went on to say NCOs must be physically fit, and ultimately set the moral example and the example of courage in all they do. He explained NCOs must act as mentors for soldiers, and concentrate on professional development and improvement.

"First and foremost, they must know their job before they can **teach** their soldiers what they know. Work and study—there's no simple solution.

"Life in this country, in this world, is getting more complex every day. There's no substitute for hard work and hard studying. That's a challenge before **every** soldier; every officer."

For those NCOs (and officers) who may be concerned about the Army's new evaluation reports, Powell offers this advice: "Don't get nervous; get busy."

Command responsibilities

While on post, Powell also discussed his

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Voices

NCOs carry out Army mission with excellence



by J. C. Mathews

In 1985, the Army undertook a study of its non-commissioned officer corps with the intent of determining what the Army needs from, and for, its NCOs. The study group—whose members ranged from (then) specialists four to a brigadier general—recommended many improvements to NCO professional development, but one of the most interesting findings included in its report was a definition of "NCO."

The study group wrote, "NCOs are the ultimate executors of the Army mission."

The group evidently concluded that NCOs are responsible for practically everything the Army does. And, if ever a conclusion was justified, that was it. Today's Army could not succeed at any task, during peace or on the battlefield, without capable enlisted leaders.

In proclaiming 1989 the "Year of the NCO," the Army recognizes the accomplishments of its NCO corps and provides a platform from which efforts at continued improvement can be launched. But what does the Army want—other than everything?

As the Army moves into the 1990s and the next century, its dependence on NCOs as leaders of enlisted soldiers and "executors of the Army mission" will not wane. Today's high-quality recruits are shrewd; they watch the performance of their NCOs very carefully. By setting the example in every way, NCOs can do much toward turning today's high-quality recruits into tomorrow's leaders.

Retaining soldiers is arguably more important now than ever before. The advances of technology and the changing nature of warfare will require the Army of tomorrow to maintain high standards for retention and promotion. Enormous potential is manifested in the junior enlisted soldiers of the 80s and 90s. It must be developed in order for the Army to keep pace with the times. And, considering the growing pressure to reduce the size of the armed forces, the NOCs of tomorrow may have to wear many hats, all equally demanding of excellence.

In many ways, the Year of the NCO is more a portent of things to come than a celebration of things that are. Nevertheless, the NCO corps must rise today to the challenge of tomorrow, and they must do it with all the technical and tactical proficiency, strength of character, and maturity of judgment they can muster. The coming year will see much happen to assist them in that effort.

The Army's 1989 bid to further improve its enlisted leaders will feature measures that result from the 1985 departmental study—the continued linking of NCOES graduation to promotion and the end of the transition to the NCO evaluation report, as examples. The Year of the NCO will also spark discussion on enlisted leadership at every level of the service, from the Army Chief of Staff and his advisors to the squad leader and troops. Of course, training will continue at its usual fevered pitch, but much of it will be devoted to fine tuning NCO skills.

In short, NCOs in 1989 will have the ear of the Army to hear their needs and the hands of the Army to support them. Of course, they'll also have the eyes of the Army on them as never before.

A banner year is at hand for the NCO corps, but the spotlight it brings will be on and it will be hot. The challenge is on, for this year and years to come. Meeting that challenge will require a clear understanding of the standards.

So what does the Army want from its NCOs—other than everything?

Nothing. Just everything will do.

Army News Service

Ramblin' Sam

"What do you do to protect the environment?"



Maj. Laurie Davis, head nurse, Gynecology Clinic, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Not litter. Plant flowers. You can't plant too many flowers."



Spec. Mary Wilda, operating room technician, Letterman Army Institute of Research: "I don't litter. I don't throw anything out the window. I give to Wisconsin Wildlife through taxes."



Eula Ellington, customer service supervisor, Army-Air Force Exchange Service: "I stopped smoking and I wish everyone else would, too. To better the air around them, I think everyone should stop."



Sgt. Michael Johnson, cook, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion: "I'm a member of the Cousteau Society and I give to another club that preserves wild rivers and another organization that protects trees. Another thing is that I bought a brand-new car to keep my old truck from polluting."

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forthcoming command responsibilities, including the Presidio's closure recommendation.

"I have no new information about the proposed base closure of this post," he said. "There are some very complex cost issues associated with the base realignment plan which must be looked over."

Powell, who said he's been to the Presidio before, added, "I've always been struck by its beauty, its historic nature—and it occupies a unique position within the city of San Francisco."

While here, Powell took a tour of the post, including lunch at the Headquarters Command Battalion Dining Facility.

During his briefings with Moore and his staff, he learned more about Sixth Army's resources and training status. Powell also was briefed on the proposed realignment of Sixth U.S. Army headquarters to Fort Carson, Colo., which he said would be "merely a geographic relocation—the mission stays the same."

He added, "I don't foresee any immediate policy changes after I take command of FORSCOM, which, I might mention, has come a long way in recent years.

Declining resources

"We are heading into a period of declining resources," he explained. "We've been given a certain amount of missions and have to conduct these missions with fewer resources."

Powell said he'll look for deficiencies; and will make sure he spends a great deal of time with the reserve component, "the bulk of FORSCOM."

FORSCOM, headquartered at Fort McPherson, Ga., is the largest Major Command (MACOM) within the Army. FORSCOM directs more than 700,000 active and reserve troops in every state except Hawaii.

During a full mobilization, such as war, FORSCOM also will assume command of an additional 200,000 National Guard soldiers.

Powell concluded his visit with advice for NCOs: "Be proud to be in the Army. Remember, you're professionals. Remember that the parents in this country are counting on you to train, lead, care and set the example for their sons and daughters.

"Don't let the American people down, don't let yourselves down. Prepare yourselves for today."

Message from Secretary of Defense

I am pleased and honored to be your Secretary of Defense. We share a commitment to a strong and free America. Like all your fellow Americans, I greatly respect the tremendous job you are doing, and I pledge to do everything I can to provide you with the leadership and support you need to excel.

Each of you is a vital link not only in the defense of the United States but in that of the entire free world. You have contributed directly to the promising advances of freedom around the world. You have guaranteed the liberty of the American people and the peoples of the Allied Nations.

In this era of tight budget and scarce resources, we must redouble our efforts within the Department to do more, with less, I ask each of you to seize the initiative whenever and wherever possible to make our operations more effective as well as more efficient. We have a solemn responsibility to the American people to use their tax dollars wisely. In carrying out that responsibility, we must make every effort to preserve and maintain our military capabilities.

My first loyalty is and will always be to our country and to you—the outstanding men and women who protect America's future. You ensure the security that allows our society to move forward and prosper. I am looking forward to leading you as we face the challenges that lie ahead. Together we will forge a strong national defense that will keep America prosperous and free.

Richard B. Cheney,
Secretary of Defense



Got an idea to improve the Presidio? Don't just tell your friends, let the whole post know; call

561-IDEA

PSF Idea of Excellence

How many times have you been stuck driving around and around the post trying to avoid a street that's been closed for the day? As you make yet another dodge of the blockade, does it finally occur to you that you should have been able to find out about this beforehand?

Well that's what Timothy D. Scribner with the Directorate of Engineering and Housing thought. His solution: Have the Provost Marshals office use PROFS (the post's electronic mail system) to let the post know what's happening in terms of road closures, serious accidents, etc.

PMO agrees and will start using PROFS to let Presidians know what traffic problems are coming up.

If you have an idea to share, call the Ideas Office at **561-IDEA**.

NAF Vacancies

Food Service Worker (Bus Person): NA-7408-01, $5.37 an hour;
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Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-02, $6.10 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-03, $6.79 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-06, $7.23 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Recreation Aide: PS-189-03, $6.13 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Custodial Worker: NA-3566-01, $5.37 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Security Guard: PS-085-02, $5.62 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Bartender: NA-7405-03, $6.79 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Child Caregiver: (three positions), PS-186-02, $5.85 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Inventory Management Clerk: AS-2005-04, $6.66 an hour, regular, part-time.
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Accounting Technician: UA-525-06, $8.41 an hour, regular, full-time.
Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-04, $6.48 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Operations Clerk: AS-303-05, $7.19 an hour, regular, part-time.
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Cook (2 positions): NA-7404-05, $8.14 an hour, (1) intermittent, on-call, (1) regular, part-time.

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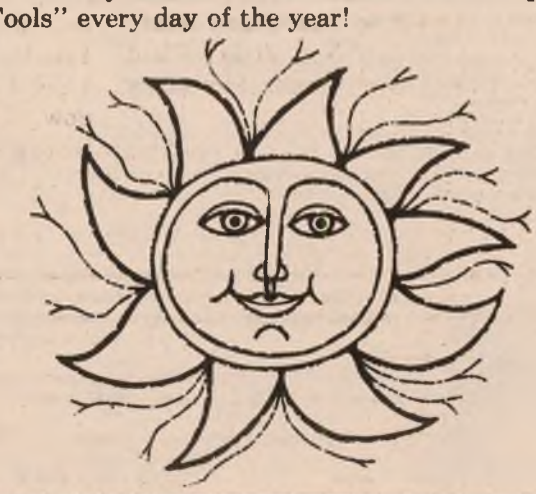
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Lead Housing Clerk (Typing): 294-89(GC), GS-303-5, closes April 3.
Supvervisory Contract Specialist: 295-89(MS), GM-1102-13, closes April 17.
Child Development Services Coordinator: 296-89(MS), GS-1701-11, closes April 17.
Master Planning Specialist: 297-89(MS), GS-301-9/10, closes April 3.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at 561-5732, or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Energy Tip of the Week

In honor of "April Fool's Day," pretend that you are given permission to go ahead and waste all the energy you want. Keep the heat on all the time, you can always open the windows to regulate the temperature (use this trick at both your home and at the office). Be sure to leave the hot water running in the shower for at least three minutes before you get in so everything is nice and hot. Don't forget to turn on those TVs and radios when you are about to leave a room. Make sure you turn the lights on in your home when you leave for the day.

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Soldiers Need to Know

NBC gear—don't leave home without it

story and photos by Steve Morey

The gas chamber in basic training: You enter, thinking, "My God, I'm going to suffocate! This equipment won't work!" The nearly invisible CS gas wisps around the room like an ominous spirit. You breathe in—"hey, no problem."

It's only when the drill sergeant shouts, "Masks off!" that you *really* appreciate your protective mask.

According to two NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) NCOs on post, most soldiers today take NBC training for granted.

"I bet if you poll 100 soldiers, 98 will say that NBC equipment won't work," said Spec. Jim L. Clark, NBC noncommissioned officer for Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

"If soldiers maintain their masks, the mask is going to work, period. It's better to have a chance than no chance at all. It's like my American Express card: "I would not leave home without it."

Clark, who completed the 16-week NBC training course at Fort McClellan, Ala., about six months ago, and his fellow trainees, were exposed to a *live* nerve agent. Like every 54B soldier, making it through the Chemical Decontamination Training Facility is mandatory for graduation.

The exercise instilled in the trainees, said Clark, a confidence in their NBC equipment, especially their protective masks.

"It was pretty scary. We lost about 20 people who refused to go through it," recalled Clark.

"If we have another war, the most important piece of equipment will be a soldier's protective mask," he added. "Chemicals are the 'in' thing—any enemy who has the capability won't hesitate to use chemicals."

Pvt. 2 Paul E. Malmquist, from Charlie Company, agrees. "*Our* best offense is defense," he said, sounding like a football coach. "To survive in those kinds of conditions, we'll need to be prepared for everything."

According to SFC Michael T. Wood, staff chemicals operations NCO for the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization's Training Division, soldiers don't need to be biochemists to understand the importance of NBC.

"But the NBC skills during Common Task Testing are standard things every soldier should know." Wood added that his two main training points are planning and repetition. "In my job, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. The more I visit units on post [for training sessions], the more soldiers will remember."



The M17-Series protective mask, said Spec. Jim Clark, is the most important piece of equipment during war.

However, Wood admitted he can't expect NBC to take a "front seat" during training. He suggests that units which have the equipment and the time to "integrate" NBC into their missions.

"For example, mechanics can wear MOPP (Mission-Oriented Protective Posture) gear while they change a tire," Wood said. "The key for commanders is to make NBC a part of a soldier's weekly or monthly training schedule."

On post, Clark supervises a quarterly "NBC Day" for his troops, who must wear MOPP level four gear throughout the day while completing their missions.

MOPP level four (pants, jacket, overboots, protective mask and gloves) is the soldier's maximum individual protection against an NBC attack.

While Clark handles company-level NBC training, Wood is responsible for all active duty soldiers on post and its subinstallations. He gives CTT, and evaluates and inspects every aspect of a unit's NBC program.

Training is the most important for soldiers, said Wood, because without hands-on, peacetime experience, "during a war, they'll be dead.

Soldiers who recall the time during basic training ing when they came staggering from the gas chamber with eyes watering and nose dripping, now most assuredly appreciate their NBC gear.



Pvt. 2 Sergio A. Gutierrez and Pvt. 2 Paul E. Malmquist, of Co. C, 864th Engineer Battalion, race the clock to put on their masks within the standard nine seconds.



Using the "buddy system," one soldier checks another's MOPP suit to ensure a safe and proper fit.

Flames of Hope

Special Olympics torch run veers through post

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

The Special Olympics torch, announcing the 1989 International Winter Games in Reno, Nev., lit Presidio streets March 23.

Provost Marshal Maj. William Reese and the Law Enforcement Company carried a symbolic torch from Crissy Field to the Golden Gate Bridge. The noon run was a one-mile leg in the torch's 550-mile trip from Los Angeles to Reno, according to Vikki Ford, public relations director for the games.

"I was honored to be chosen for this run," said Reese, who shared the lead position with Herve Bluteau, a law enforcement officer from France.

Bluteau's presence, said Garrison Commander Col. Joseph V. Rafferty, "demontrates the international interest in Special Olympics, as well as the solidarity of all law enforcement personnel around the world to help Special Olympics."

Garrison Community Relations Director, James L. Hudgins, said the run shows the Presidio's "commitment to charitable work and disabled American citizens."

Reese's torch was an honorary one, lit from the torch which is racing toward Reno. That symbol, called the Flame of Hope, was kindled at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

It was brought here from the 1987 summer games in South Bend, Ind., said Ford, and will pass through the hands of 40,000 law enforcement officers before the games begin, April 1.



Maj. William Reese and Herve Bluteau escort the Special Olympics torch on Crissy Field.

One of those officials was Sgt. Dennis A. Gustafson, with the San Francisco Police Department Community Services Division. Gustafson brought the torch onto the post at the Gorgas Avenue gate shortly after 11 a.m.

After his three-mile leg, still catching his breath, he said, "There's an incredible pride that comes along with carrying the torch."

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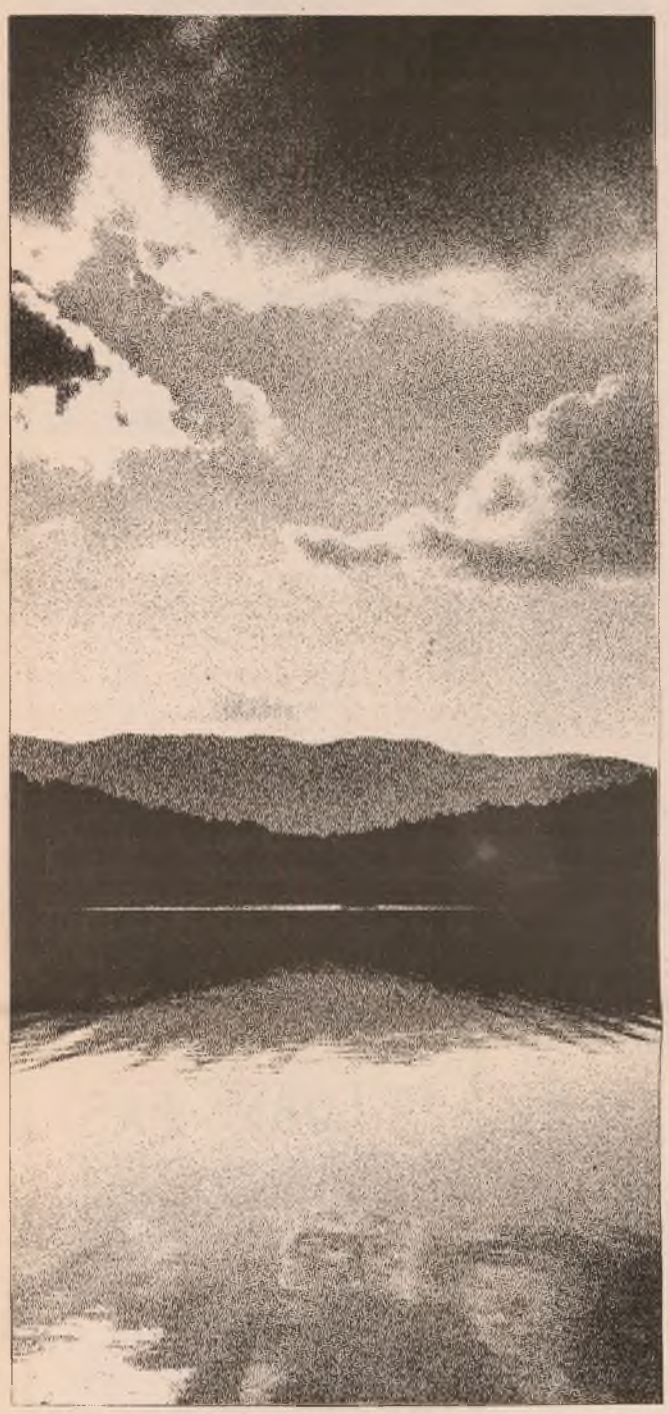
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Environmental responsibility; it's up to you



by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Once upon a time environmental responsibility meant picking up your gum wrapper and putting it in the trash can. That was a simpler time.

Today there are more than 9,000 pages of environmental regulations for pollution control alone. Other environmental problems like protecting endangered species and hazardous waste disposal are covered by thousands more pages of federal and state regulations.

The Army takes its responsibility to protect the environment seriously. According to Sue Thomas of the Environmental Management Committee of the Logistics Management College, the objective of the Army's environmental program is to plan, initiate and carry out Army actions in a way that minimizes adverse effects to the environment. To accomplish this there have been regulations adopted to protect and monitor all aspects of the environment. All of this is basically taken care of on a day-to day basis by people who work with these potential problems.

However, *every* member of the Presidio has the responsibility to protect the environment in some very significant ways.

According to post environmental engineer Alex Macievich, hazardous materials are in almost every home. Items such as glass cleaner, swimming pool chemicals, motor oil, sink un-cloggers, pesticides and oven cleaners are bona fide hazardous materials and they can cause some real damage.

This means Presidians must use these materials carefully and be sensible about disposal. For instance, Macievich points out that people who throw pesticides down a sink drain could be held legally liable for their actions. That translates to fines and/or prison. Even if you don't think anyone will know about how you get rid of that soggy mess when you change the oil in your car; don't be so sure.

Said Macievich, "Presidians are personally liable for that kind of thing—perhaps even more so than someone who just doesn't have the resources to do the job properly. The consequences for somebody who dumps down a sewer line can be pretty severe . . . Some guys out there like to change their oil . . . by putting the drain over a storm basin and letting it drain there.

"It'll end up in the bay, and that's a violation of the Clean Water Act."

There is a push right now to make everyone responsible for his or her actions. According to Thomas, at one time the Army absorbed all responsibility for the misdeeds of its employees. That changed this month when three civilian managers were convicted of breaking environmental laws at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. This was a first, and sent a message to all federal employees (civilian and military) that the Army will no longer be held accountable for wilfull rule-breakers. In a statement written by Donald A. Carr, the acting assistant attorney general and head of the Land and Natural Resource Division for the Justice Department said, "Clearly, federal employees like everyone else must obey the environmental laws."

Another area of concern is the protection of natural areas and endangered species. The Presidio, with its spans of forest and sweeping cliffs is a prime natural resource for the Army and the Bay Area. The post houses at least three rare plant species; the Presidio manzanita, lessingia, a small flowering plant which has been nominated for endangered species status to the state of California, and clarkia, a state-listed endangered species. Twelve federal or state listed (and candidate) plant species grow on post. Three are found **only** on the Presidio.

Macievich cautions Presidians, "Treat natural areas with respect. Don't go digging or drive off-road vehicles through these areas."

Being responsible for your actions means being smart about what and how you do things. Throwing away half-full cans of oven cleaner seems harmless enough, but the correct thing to do is use it up and carefully dispose of the container. Anyone living on post with questions regarding the disposal of hazardous materials can call Macievich at **561-5176.**

Presidians bring the news

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

No cases of back strain, nor hernias, have been reported by the young people who haul the *Star Presidian* on post.

"Nope, it's not very heavy," according to four-year-old Brandon Quinn, who volunteers every Thursday to deliver newspapers with his mom Cheryl.

He and his mom make Compton Road their rounds, handing out 22 papers to their neighbors in the housing area. Brandon refused to elaborate on his choice of community service, and dodged a reporter's questions by hiding his face in his hands, occasionally peering out between the fingers, giggling.

Richard A. Scaniff, a 12-year-old who's been delivering 30 papers a week for more than two years, says, "I don't mind it at all. This is a way I can help my community."

Richard says his neighbors have discovered a use for it. "They can find out what's going on; what's playing at the theater," he says.

Ten-year-old Darcy A. Stockton, with 22 copies, liberates herself, Thursdays, from the clench of urban domestication. "It's a lot of fun because I get to go all the way up to the hill; all the way up the street," she explains.

Darcy says she likes "the fresh air" and especially likes to deliver the newspaper in the rain. She also says she doesn't have a raincoat, but her mother claims she does.

Perhaps *you* can invent a reason to deliver the *Star Presidian* and get your parents out of your hair for a minute, even if it's just to walk up to the hill.

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Brandon Quinn delivers the *Star Presidian* on Compton Road.

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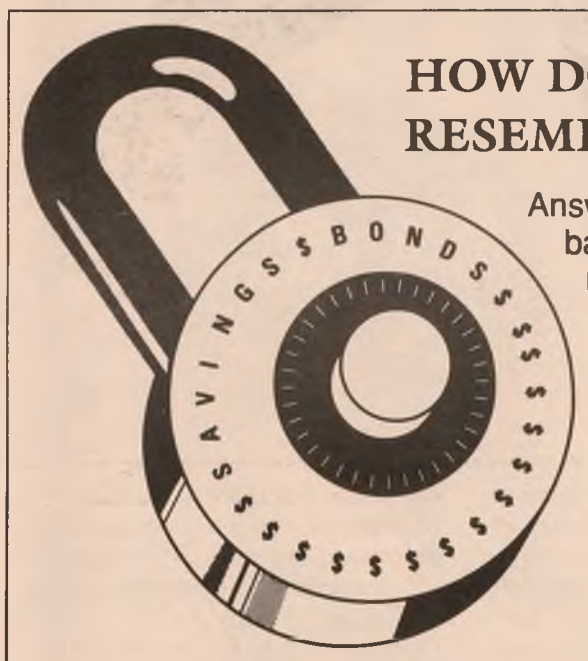
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Sports

USAG's clutch OT shooting sinks Co. A

by Steve Morey

Headquarters Company, USAG, used Tim McClean's clutch shooting to take a 75-74 overtime win over Company A, LAMC, on March 23 to advance undefeated in the post Intramural Full Court Basketball League playoffs in Gym No. 1.

McClean sent the game into overtime, swishing a game-tying free throw with only six ticks on the clock. Then, with :05 showing in overtime, he rebounded his own missed shot and laid it in while falling to the floor.

"We were lucky to have somebody there—it just happened to be me," explained McClean, who scored 16 points for the game. "I'm glad I could do whatever I could to help the team win."

At presstime, Garrison's next playoff opponent was the winner of Sixth Army vs. Co. A, LAMC, in the losers' bracket.

Earlier loss avenged

With the playoff win, USAG avenged a 55-49 regular season loss Feb. 1 to Company A. USAG, 8-2, finished second behind LAMC's 10-0 record.

LAMC's Terry Ashley, who scored 18, said the team has felt the pressure this year in defense of their title. "Everybody's out to beat us. But you can guarantee that we'll be in the finals."

Ashley's teammate, Wayne Rogers, agreed. "Coming through the losers' bracket, we're going to be in the championship game." Rogers scored a game-high 28 on that night.

Going into the rematch meant pressure on USAG, said McClean. "We gave away the first game [in the regular season]. We had something to prove in the playoffs."

Indeed, USAG led from the start, leading by 15-10 and 22-15 margins early in the first half.

"I think everyone on the team feels a sense of revenge," said USAG's sharpshooter, Dale Kennedy, who hit 21 points.

"LAMC beat us last year in the finals. [In fact, Kennedy was a member of Sixth Army, which lost to Co. A, LAMC.] We wanted to prove to them—and to ourselves—we're just as *bad* as them," Kennedy said after the game.

Bad is good

Of course, in the world of sports, "bad" sometimes means "good." In the March 23 game, both teams showed just how "bad" they can be.

USAG increased its lead to 30-19 lead with six minutes to play in the first half. The USAG side of the house voiced its approval as Tony Leach (10 points) and Kennedy took turns sinking buckets.

Then, with 4:13 remaining, LAMC outscored USAG, 12-7, using Rick Acuna tip-ins, Ashley's one-hand jumpers and Rogers' 14 first-half points, mostly on layups.

Halftime ended with USAG holding a 38-31 lead.

LAMC continued to pound the boards and the rim in the second half, sending its fans into a furious cheering frenzy. The defending champions tied it at 38-38 only two minutes into the half.

The teams seesawed the lead as neither squad could shake loose by more than two. As the clock neared :00, it was time for the Tim McClean show.

Added Kennedy, "It's all the way to the finals now—where I'm sure we'll meet LAMC again."



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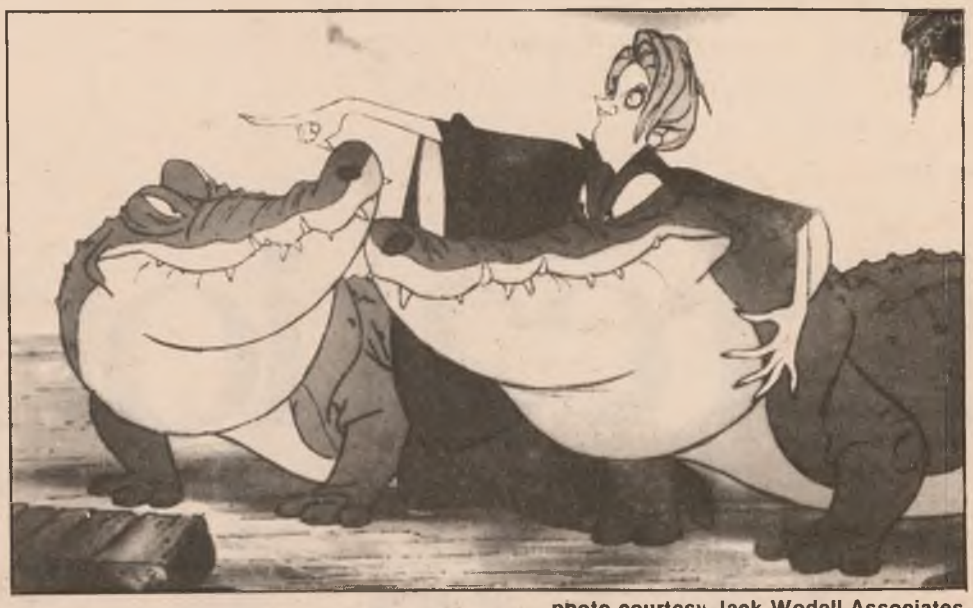


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A free government job fair is being held April 18 at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo, Calif. More than 500 local, state and federal agencies will be recruiting for all kinds of positions—from entry-level to professional. The *fair will last from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.* For information call Ron Visconti at **345-0753**. The Community Center Education Center is sponsoring this event.

User's group

A Presidio Macintosh User's Group is being organized. Individuals wishing to share information, software demonstrations and problem-solving are invited to attend the first brown bag luncheon meeting Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., bldg. 667. The group meets on the second floor of Outdoor Recreation (near the Presidio pet cemetery, next to Veterinary Services and across from the Auto Crafts Shop). Call 561-4560 for details.

Boy Scouts need help

The San Mateo Boy Scouts are looking for two volunteers to operate the rifle range at their Boy Scout camp from July 3 to 29. The camp is in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Food and lodging will be provided.

To find out more, call **341-5633**.

Free Wheelers

The Free Wheelers help people in wheelchairs get out and enjoy the Bay Area. They have organized more than 1,000 outings this year and need some volunteers to help. Some of the planned events include 49'er games and visits to the planetarium, theaters and restaurants.

If this sounds like a deal you can't refuse, call the Free Wheelers at **664-3620**.

Lending support

Everyone needs help sometime. The San Francisco Alliance for the Mentally Ill is an organization of relatives and friends of the seriously mentally ill. Members meet to discuss the latest research findings, hear speakers and lend support to one another. For more information write to SFAMI, 1010 Gough Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94109 or call **330-8080**.

Education Center

Spelling. Spelling is a problem for many people. The Education Center's spelling workshop will cover such topics as spelling rules, basic sound and spelling patterns. The course meets Monday through May 29, Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Introduction to Microcomputers. Enter the computer age with this beginning course, which meets April 7 to May 12, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. You will become computer literate by learning computer terminology through hands-on experience. The course is free for active duty soldiers and DA civilians; if space remains, others may enroll for $100.

For more information or to enroll in either course, call the Army Education Center, bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or **561-4445** or LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**.

Hamilton shuttle fare increase

Starting Saturday the cost of the Hamilton Shuttle Bus Ticket Book will increase to $10 for a book of 10 tickets. Tickets bought before April 1, will still be sold at $6 a book of 10 tickets, with a limit of two books a person. Books may be bought at the Movements Branch, bldg. 35, room 116.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, March 23: Her Alibi (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Selleck, Pauline Poriskova. A romantic comedy about a successful mystery writer who volunteers a fabricated alibi to help a beautiful woman accused of murder.

Fri, March 31: Her Alibi (Pg), 7 p.m.

Sat, Apr. 1: Working Girl (R), 7 p.m. Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver. A sharp, hardworking secretary in a brokerage firm tries to climb the corporate ladder by pretending to be an executive.

Sun, Apr. 2: Working Girl (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Apr. 3: Working Girl (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Apr. 4: Cocoon—The Return: (PG), 7 p.m. Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley. An adventurous group of senior citizens chooses to forgo a life free from sickness and death to return to Earth.

Wed, Apr. 5: Parents (R), 7 p.m. Randy Quaid. A comedy-terror film about a seemingly normal, suburban family that hides a horrible secret.

Thu, Apr. 6: Beaches (PG-13), 7 p.m. Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey. The touching story of a profound frienship from childhood between two wildly mismatched women.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	March 31:	Hot to Trot (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat,	April 1:	Back to the Beach (PG)	1 p.m.
Sat,	April 1:	Gorillas in the Mist (PG-13)	7 p.m.

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News Briefs

Top soldiers honored

The post Soldier of the Month ceremony for Spec. Annette M. Paulin, from Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, is Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the NCO Club. At 11:30 a.m., the post Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year will be honored. This year's winners are: NCO of the Year, Sgt. Jaime F. Flores from Law Enforcement Company; and Soldier of the Year, Spec. Sandy D. Deas Jr., Headquarters Company, USAG.

New LES info

Starting with the end-of-the-month Leave and Earning Statement (LES) for March, information on the soldier's panograph X-ray will be included. This information will appear on the March, July and November LES.

Department of Defense policy requires all active duty Presidio soldiers to have a duplicate panograph on file.

Army News Service

Soldiers must travel incognito

Due to the threat of terrorist attacks, Presidio soldiers traveling to and from Greece are now required to wear civilian clothes. All servicemembers arriving or traveling through Hellenikon Air Base on a military flight will wear civilian clothing. This requirement now will be included on PCS and TDY orders whenever appropriate.

Army News Service

Housing dryer check-up

If residents in family housing have not had their clothes dryer vents cleaned within the last six months, call Willie Davis in the Housing Division, Directorate of Engineering and Housing at **561-3450.**

IG office moves

The Inspector General office presently located in bldg. 87, room 219, will move April 18 and 19. Its new location will be in bldg. 35, room 216. The telepone numbers remain the same: **561-2911** and **561-5311.**

For more information, call Capt. Donald A. McCunniff.

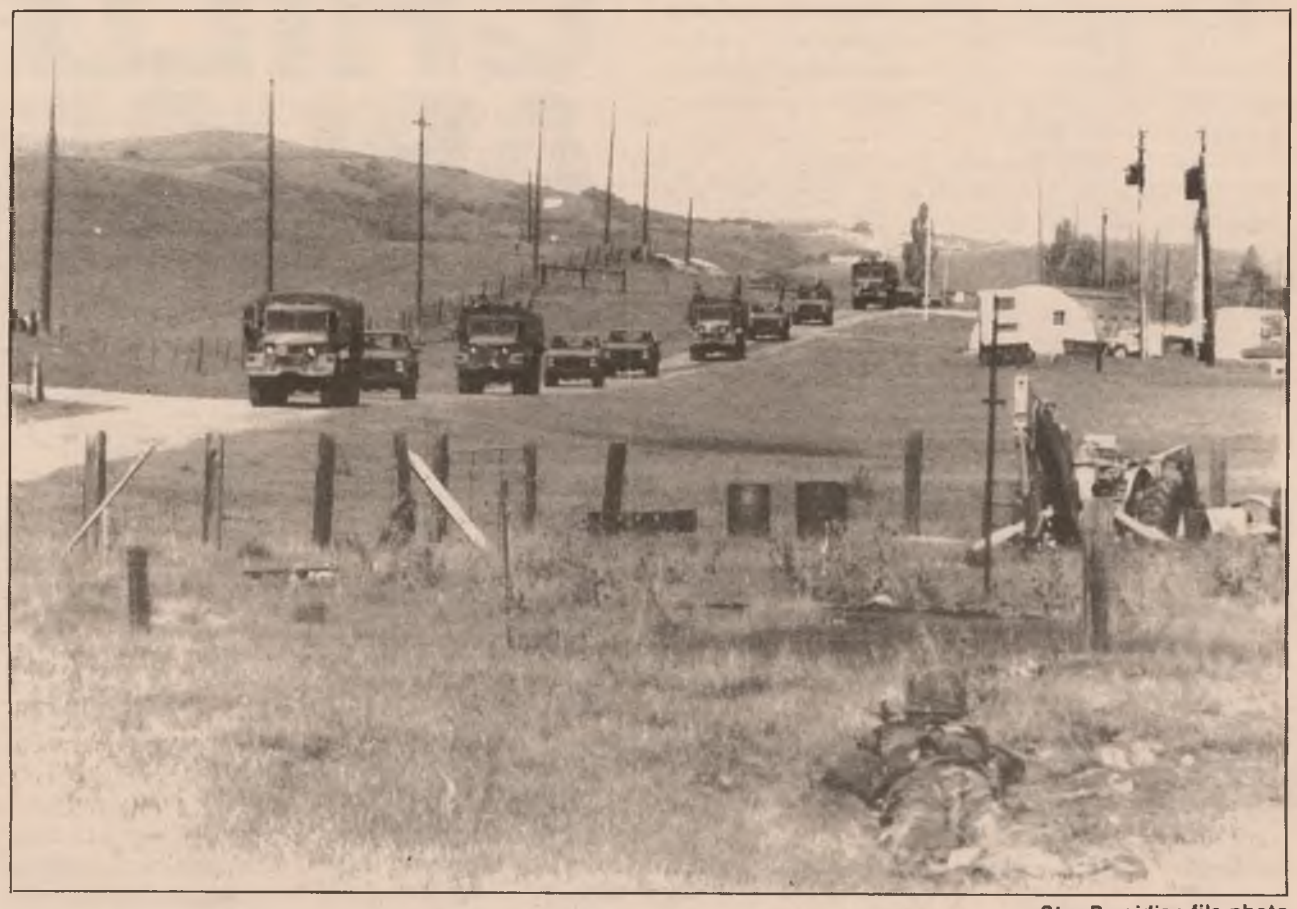
Road closure

The intersection at Gorgas Avenue and Truby Street will be closed from 7:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday. The Presidio and Letterman Army Medical Center will be conducting a potable water exercise at that time, and the intersection will be blocked by water hoses and emergency vehicles.

Summer jobs

The Civilian Personnel Directorate will be accepting applications for summer employment starting now through April 14. Applications will be taken from high school graduates and college students. Anyone interested in applying for clerical, clerk typists and laborer positions

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Star Presidian file photo

One of the areas's 250 units convoys onto Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

PRFTA more than a 'Camp'; 47 years of service

by Steve Morey

For the past 47 years, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA)—while under several different names—has met the varied needs of three United States services. During World War II, it was known as both Camp Parks (Army) and Camp Shoemaker (Navy), and, then, it became Parks Air Force Base during the Korean War.

Even today, more than 30 years later, the post subinstallation near Dublin, Calif., is informally referred to as "Camp Parks."

Through all the changes, said PRFTA's operations NCO, one thing has remained the same—the need for a training center to serve the military in the East Bay Area.

"We're expanding our facilities while doing more with less money," said SFC Edward J. Cabezud, who also is the NCOIC of PRFTA.

"We want units to come and train here, especially engineer units [such as Presidio's Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion] to actively participate in the renovation of ranges and training sites."

In addition, Col. Charles J. O'Brien, Chief of Public Affairs for Sixth U.S. Army, said the reserve component's role has been *upgraded* in the Bay Area, and in the "Total Army," despite annual budgetary restrictions.

"In order to modernize the Army's equipment and facilities, it [has become] necessary to restrict the number of soldiers on active duty," explained O'Brien.

"Therefore, the reserve component now plays a more vital role in our Total Army. Camp Parks is vital to [that strategy]."

The "Total Army" involves active, reserve and National Guard components in the nation's defense. Currently, the latter two components make up more than half (778,000) of the Army's total 1,550,000 troop strength.

A major part of Sixth U.S. Army's mission is to provide training and ensure readiness of more than 100,000 reserve and National Guard soldiers in 12 western states.

Capt. Kym H.E. Fleet, PRFTA's executive officer, said more than 175,000 "troop training days" are expected to be used by active, reserve and National Guard soldiers at PRFTA during 1989. In 1988, 145,000 "troop training days" (the number of days each soldier spends training) were used while 64,000 were used in 1987.

A majority of the soldiers, from nearly 250 area units, come from within a 70-mile radius of San Francisco. If PRFTA was not there, said Fleet, units would have to travel at least 100 miles to the nearest training facility at Fort Ord, Calif.

A 1980s study, according to O'Brien, showed the Army saves an annual $1½ million in transportation costs and 65,000 gallons of fuel by having east Bay Area reservists use PRFTA.

Cabezud added, "There are things here at Parks that need to be seen which nobody knows about."

PRFTA's facilities include rappelling towers, troop maneuver areas, housing and dining facilities and modern pistol, rifle and machine gun ranges.

One PRFTA range has the Infantry Remoted Target System, a realistic range with movable pop-up targets. The IRETS, used mainly to train reserve soldiers, can be found only on a handful of Army posts.

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Voices

Child abuse prevention needs everyone's attention

**by Anne H. Cohn, DPH, Executive Director
National Committee for Prevention of
Child Abuse**



The public rightly has been outraged by the repeated stories in the news of children dying at the hands of their own parents. A mother drowns her child in a bathtub and later disposes of the body in a nearby river. A couple reports their young daughter missing; later she turns up in a marsh strangled to death. The evidence ties the murder back to her parents. A father brutally beats his wife and daughter—the daughter's injuries are so severe she does not survive.

While these are extreme cases, the accounts paint gruesome, horrifying pictures of families immersed in the destructive patterns of child abuse, spouse abuse and substance abuse.

Reactions to these tragedies have taken several turns. Some have chosen to focus on the character of the perpetrator, calling for increased criminal prosecution of any parent or adult who willfully mistreats a child.

Others have targeted their anger at the child protective services system, chastising it for failing to offer children the protection they need from abusive and dangerous situations.

To be sure, the current child protective services system has its difficulties. Despite record numbers of reports of children suspected of being abused—more than 2.2 million in 1987—protective service agencies have received bare-bones increases for their investigative units and service programs (less than 3 percent during the last five years).

Unfortunately, absent from all of this concern is the need to stop family violence in the first place. Prevention is not going to emerge from broader or narrower reporting laws.

Increasing criminal penalties for abusive acts is not, as far as we know, going to reduce the number of children who are abused. And no child welfare system, regardless of its funding level, is set up to stop parents from becoming child abusers. These systems are set up to intervene after the fact.

Preventing child abuse requires much more than laws and a response system; it requires a commitment on the part of *all of us*. We cannot abdicate our responsibilities by expecting the state to "take care of those families."

Helping parents, particularly new parents, cope with the challenges of parenting can go a long way in preventing abuse. Research continues to confirm that hospital or community-based programs which provide new parents with education and support can go a long way in reducing the risk factors associated with abuse.

New parents are not the only ones who experience the stress of parenting. Children of all ages can, and do, pose great challenges for all parents under stress—hotlines, helplines, drop-in centers—as well as support groups such as Parents Anonymous can be most helpful, especially when parents have been educated that, "It's OK to reach out for help."

Abuse can happen because children do not know how to protect themselves; not all children know that they have a right to be safe from harm. Although research findings are not yet conclusive, offering school-age children quality education about child abuse can minimally help children who are victimized reach out for help; and, such education might help children actually deflect the abuse in the first place.

What has been so hard to discuss, so difficult to acknowledge, is that we each have a role to play. Unlike so many diseases and other social problems, we can get rid of child abuse just by getting involved.

Just as in the Lisa Steinberg case, in almost every serious case of child abuse, neighbors, friends or relatives know there is a problem. And they do not feel comfortable doing much, if anything, about it.

What can we, as individuals, do? Certainly we can report any case in which we consider a child to be at *serious* risk or harm *due to* maltreatment. And we repeatedly can report if we think the initial response is inadequate. However, we need to feel equally comfortable, perhaps even obligated, to offer personal assistance to families in stress—friends, neighbors or relatives.

We also need to be awae of our own parenting inadequacies and be willing to reach out for help for ourselves.

Raising children is a difficult and demanding task. Few are able to accomplish it without support from others. Rather than limiting our energies to reforming child welfare systems, perhaps we all need to give thought to reformulating our own personal commitment to preventing child abuse.

(Editor's note: *April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.*)

Ramblin' Sam

"Are you or your family members afraid of contracting AIDS?"



Mary Jo Newberry, military family member: "No. It's very difficult to get. My brother died of AIDS, but he was gay."



Keith Falk, Presidio liaison, U.S. Army Sixth Recruiting Brigade: "Yes, I am concerned about myself. From a life and death standpoint, it's a disease that's taking a lot of lives. If I—and others—want to live we have to find a cure."



SFC Kenneth Sistrunk, supply sergeant, 91st Division, (Training): "No. I have no worries because I'm happily married and I have no reason to think I'd be in a high risk category—like people who are still dating."



1st Lt. Brick Loomis, 49th Military Police Brigade, Alameda Naval Air Station: "No. My wife is stationed at Letterman [Army Medical Center]. There's a concern in our family, but there's also precautions. Precaution through education is my most ardent belief; it will keep us away from the epidemic."

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"Since the 'Total Army' consists of both the active and reserve components," explained O'Brien, "they must be able to fight together and, when possible, train together."

For example, 28 active Army NCOs from Sixth U.S. Army used PRFTA March 14 for an all-day exercise which included rappelling, camouflaging and marksmanship training.

"The word is out," concluded Fleet. "Reserve units are saying, 'Hey, Parks is a pretty good place to train. It's close by, and the facilities meet our needs.'"

The name may change, but the mission is the same: provide a quality, local training area for reserve, National Guard and active soldiers.

[Editor's note: *Col. Charles J. O'Brien, as well as Lt. Col. Richard R. Speidel, PRFTA commander, both frequently speak to Bay Area community leaders and civic groups on the importance of PRFTA to the area's economy and the national defense. Excerpts from O'Brien's address are found throughout this article.]*

Parks Week starts Monday

During the Presidio's annual "Parks Week," Monday through April 14, dozens of post soldiers and civilians will descend on the Dublin, Calif., training area. The Army of workers will clean up debris, grade and pack roads, paint buildings, assemble furniture and fill sandbags for the firing ranges.

A five-year renovation plan for the subinstallation includes a 40,000 square-foot regional training site facility, a new pistol range, an extended rifle range and the demolition of nearly 200 unsafe buildings.

In addition, PRFTA's headquarters staff will increase from 56 to 90 soldiers and civilians. All of the renovations, new construction and increased use of Parks by reserve units will mean about $1 million in annual revenue for the civilian community.

According to Capt. Kyme H.E. Fleet, PRFTA's executive officer, PRFTA has an annual budget of $1.8 million of which $1.2 million is allotted for salaries.

"That leaves only about $600,000 for items such as maintenance, supplies and equipment," explained Fleet. "I imagine Paks gets more training time per dollar than most, or all, training sites in the country."



Star Presidian file photo
PRFTA will be "invaded" Monday by post soldiers and civilians.

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should submit their applications to the Civilian Personnel Directorate before April 14.

To get an application, visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Nate Kimbrough at **561-5758** for information.

Green to gold briefing

There are more than 200 nursing scholarships available for soldiers who meet minimum eligibility requirements. The scholarship **deadline is May 1.** To be competitive, soldiers must have at least a 115 GT score, a 2.3 grade point average for all college work completed, and be able to receive their commission by age 25 (one year credit given for every year in service, up to a maximum of 4 years). Soldiers must also meet dependency, academic standing, and physical requirements.

ROTC scholarship applicants not wanting to pursue a nursing degree have until April 15 to turn in their applications. This is a recent change and an extension from the original deadline of March 15.

There are more than 225 regular scholarships available for soldiers.

Another recent change is for soldiers who want to compete for a four-year scholarship. **The deadline has been extended to May 1.** To qualify, the soldier must attent one of 20 Historically Black Colleges (HBC) located around the country. The four-year HBC ROTC Scholarship is open to everyone regardless of race.

Scholarship winners can draw on all educational benefits they are entitled to while they are on scholarship. Soldiers who want more information on scholarship eligibility, obligation, or the requirements to enroll in Army ROTC can call the Northern California Goldminers at **567-7682.**

Article submitted by Northern California Goldminers

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Accounting Technician: UA-525-06, $8.41 an hour, regular, full-time.

Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-04, $6.49 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Operations Clerk: AS-303-05, $7.19 an hour, regular, part-time.

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Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Unit, bldg. 37; or call **561-5095** or **561-2947.**

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Warehouse Worker: 317-89(DR), WG-6907-6, open until filled.
Logistics Technician: 319-89(EW), GS-303-7, closes April 17.
Accounting Technician: 320-89(EW), GS-525-7, closes April 18.
Warehouse Worker: 321-89(RJ), WG-6907-5, closes April 14.
Logistics Clerk (Typing): 322-89(EW), GS-303-4/5, closes April 17.

For more information and job announcements, call the Job Information Center at **561-5732,** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Energy Tip of the Week

A little while ago an energy tip asked Presidians to please turn off their exterior lights during the daytime. An informal study has been taken over the last year to see which housing areas have done better than others in this regard; in other words, which areas show the most responsibility in energy use. It turns out that the senior enlisted family housing areas have the best record.

Congratulations to all those Presidians who help to keep the post energy efficient, and especially to the senior enlisted soldiers and their families who are helping to lead the way!



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NCO of the Year

Post MP outguns 11 NCOs for Sixth Army title

by Joel P. Smith

A post military policeman (MP) recently was named Sixth U.S. Army NCO of the year.

Sgt. Jaime F. Flores, a desk sergeant at the Provost Marshal Office, competed against NCOs from 12 western states in the Feb. 23 and 24 competition at Reno, Nev.

He earned a chance at the title earlier this year when he won post NCO of the Year.

Five soldiers at the Reno board were E-5s, said Flores, two were E-6s, three were E-7s and two were master sergeants.

"When I saw how many senior NCOs there were, the morning of the board, I said, 'I haven't got a chance.'

"When they said the winner was a sergeant, and then said "FFlo ...,' I said, 'YYYYYess!'

"I never had such a rush," Flores said, and then corrected himself. "No, the biggest was seeing my kid born. That was high." (Flores has a 2-year-old son named Robert A.)

Flores said he lost some of the control that got him to the board. "I was jumping and bouncing around. Everyone could see my heart pulsing at my neck.

"People were looking at me like I was crazy."

Flores has a history of success. He was an honor graduate in basic training and the Distinguished Honor Graduate at Advanced Individual Training, both at Fort McClellan, Ala.

His first sergeant, Franklin D. Kennedy, said he's a "top quality NCO."

Kennedy, with the Law Enforcement Company (LEC), added that Flores "demonstrates daily initiative. He identifies problems immediately and solves them.

"You can always depend on him to take the appropriate course of action," Kennedy said.

The desk sergeant's position, which he has held for more than eight weeks, was Flores' reward for his unflagging leadership role with the MPs, said Kennedy.

"It's a job that requires you to handle more than one situation at a time: traffic accidents, bomb threats, burglaries, routine traffic stops.

"The desk sergeant has to respond to each, quickly and appropriately," Kennedy explained. "Flores is a very capable NCO when it comes to dealing with several problems at once."

Flores left the MP's Road Platoon to work the desk and said he feels less pressure in the leader's role. "It should be the other way around," he said, "but now that I'm in charge of the troops on the road, I feel less stress."

He was also named "Best in Company" at LEC, where he is an assistant squad leader for Sgt. Terry F. Wince.

"He's an outstanding leader," said Wince, who leads the 17-member squad. "He'll complete the mission you give him and give you a little something extra on the side."

Flores, from Chico, Calif., said he will be reassigned to Panama, probably in April.

Kennedy said his leadership skills will be missed by LEC. "When he helps train the soldiers," said Kennedy, "you can hears the 'wows.' "

"He really stirs up their interest. He holds up the Army's standards; he doesn't just razzle dazzle them with info."



Sgt. Jamie F. Flores takes it easy behind the MP station.

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Monterey Bay Aquarium

Aquarium answers question: 'what are tursiops, pinnipeds?'

by Sharon E. Evertt

What animal has the densest fur of any in the world? What types of marine life exist in a giant kelp forest? Just what *does* a bat ray's hide feel like, anyway? The place to find the answers is the Monterey Bay Aquarium, located on Cannery Row, in Monterey, Calif.

Home to more than 6,500 specimens of marine life, the Monterey Bay Aquarium is one of the largest of its kind. Its 100 exhibits focus on the wide variety of creatures and plants which make their home in Monterey Bay—it's the only aquarium in the world with a strictly local focus!

The first thing you see as you enter the aquarium is the life-size display of *cetaceans, tursiops,* and *pinnipeds.* (That's whales, dolphins, and seals to you and me.) There are models of orcas (Killer whales), humpback and grey whales and various types of dolphins and seals.

Next are the sea otters—clowns whose pelts have 20,000 (yes, that's the right number of zeroes) hairs per square inch. (A man has 20,000 hairs on his *entire* head!) The otter's thick, soft fur traps insulating air bubbles when the otter is at play in the water; that's how it keeps warm.

The giant kelp forest is home to many kinds of fish and sea life, including leopard sharks, wolf eels, and other predators. Kelp is also a major source of food for such animals as abalone and mollusks (chitons).

The aquarium's featured exhibit, now through Labor Day, is Mexico's Secret Sea, based on the trip to Baja California which local author John Steinbeck recounted in his *Sea of Cortez.* Marine biologists have collected lobsters, spiny sea urchins, and all kinds of colorful fish and brought them to Monterey to be enjoyed.

There are educational exhibits as well—the kelp lab, sea otter feeding, magnification exhibits (floating magnifying glasses or underwater video cameras bring tiny sea life into clear view), and several video exhibits.



photo courtesy of Monterey Bay Aquarium

As a "threatened species," the total population of California sea otters now numbers roughly 1,250; they are all found along the central coast.

Volunteer guides are on hand to explain the exhibits and help you get 'hands-on' contact with the sea creatures.

Speaking of 'hands-on,' the Monterey Bay Aquarium has two touch pools. One of them has starfish, mollusks, hermit crabs and other tide pool creatures. The other is home to bat rays, smaller relatives of the manta.

If you don't mind getting wet—all the way to the elbows—you can reach in and stroke their slick, leathery skins; they're gentle animals and seem to like it.

To visit Monterey, take Highway 1 South for a scenic drive to one of California's most fascinating historical regions. Presidians visiting the Monterey Bay Aquarium also should know about the new military discount: $5 for adults and $3 for children.



photo by Bill Harris

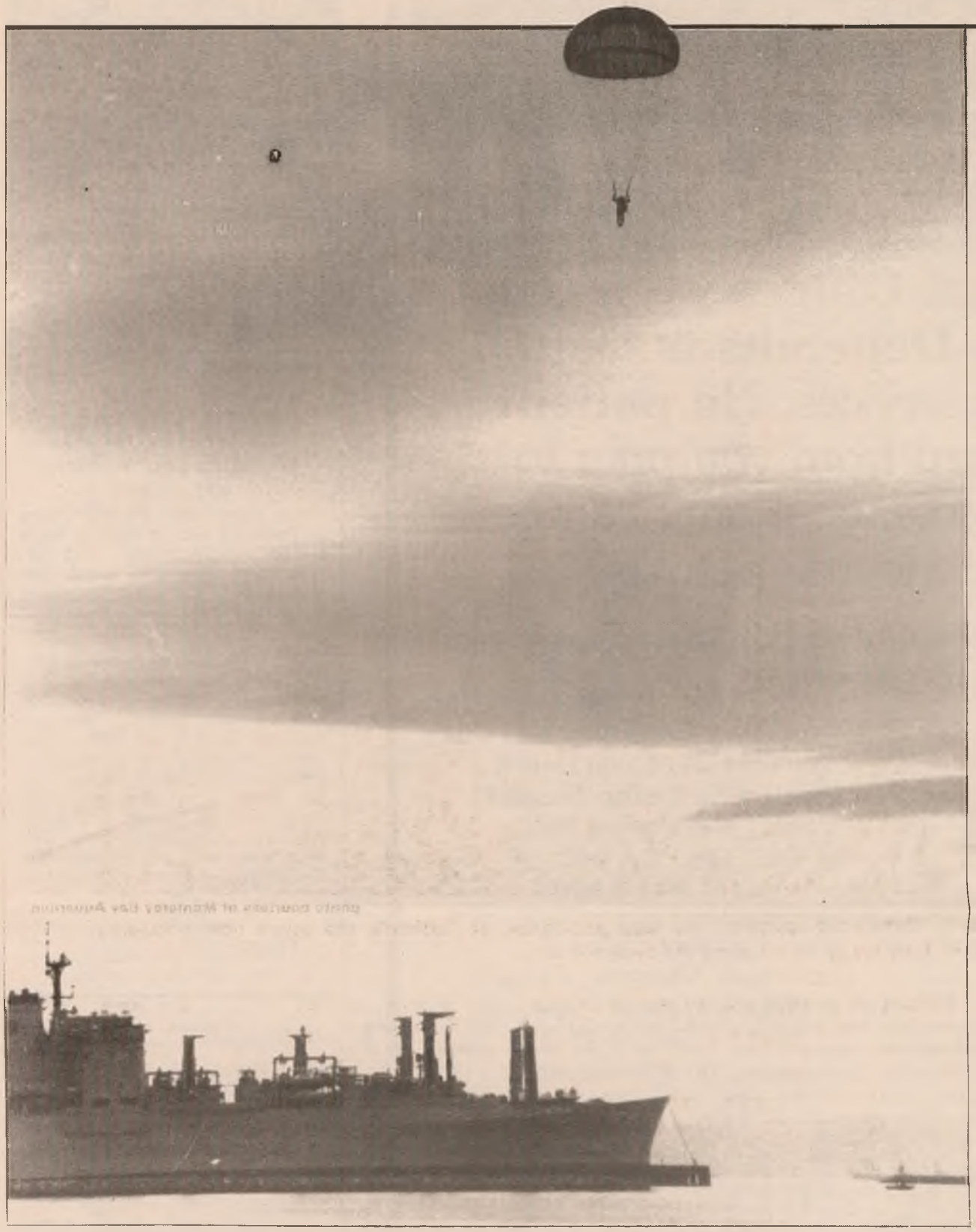
Moon jellyfish and other graceful creatures float through the waters of Monterey Bay. The Aquarium's focus is on local marine life.



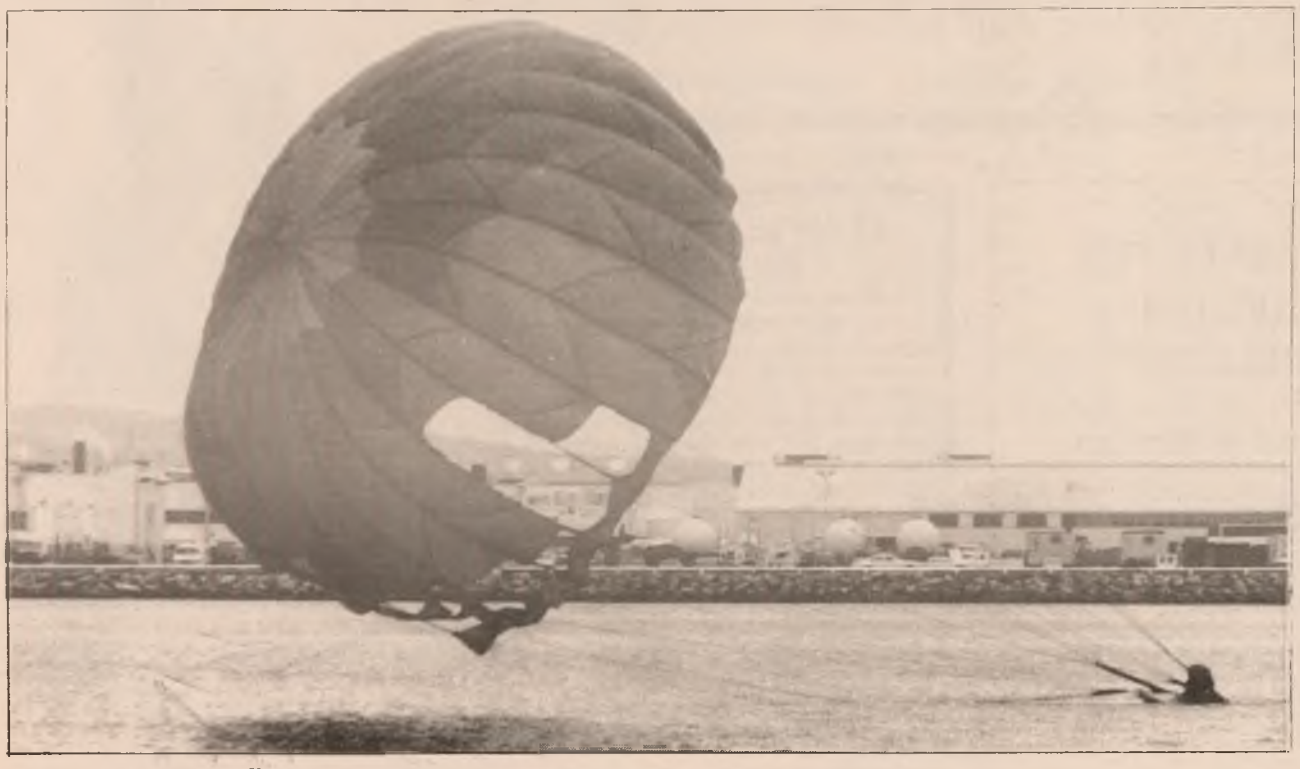
photo courtesy of Monterey Bay Aquarium

This 335,000 gallon exhibit presents a diver's view of a towering kelp forest community.

Wave Jumpers



A paratrooper from the post Air Delivery Section plumets toward the San Francisco Bay March 23. The section was training for emergency exits from an airplane flying over water.



An airborne rigger floats beneath his falling parachute in the frigid bay.

Riggers dodge obstacles during Bay splashdown

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Sharks.

Concrete blocks underwater to mangle you at the fall's end. Wind that threatens to tow you beneath the cold waves. A tangle of ropes like an underwater web to catch and drown you: these are the things airborne troops worried about in a March 23 jump into the San Francisco Bay.

Seven soldiers from the Air Delivery Section on post donned life vests and wet suits and dropped 2,000 feet from UH-1 helicopters into the icy waters off Alameda Naval Air Station.

CW2 Gaylin Jesmer, officer in charge of the section, said the riggers were training for an emergency exit should they have to jump, over water, from a failing aircraft.

For PFC Richard A. Yeomans, who at age six witnessed a shark attack near the beach at Jacksonville, Fla, he most dangerous obstacle was his own memory.

"Sharks were all I thought about once I hit the water," said Yeomans. "I kept looking around, thinking about that guy in Jacksonville. Half his leg was gone when they pulled him out of the water.

"I called my mom right afterwards and told here I'd just been on a water jump," Yeomans continued.

"She said, 'You jumped in the ocean?! There *are sharks in the water!'*

"I told her, **'I know.'"**

Other dangers included shifting winds that pulled the troops near jagged concrete blocks along the shore. Sgt. Larry E. Thompson, floor sergeant for the section, said a shore landing was particularly dangerous; water jumpers, not expecting a hard landing, don't wear ankle protection.

High winds also can tow a jumper under water, said Sgt. Gerald P. Gonzales, with the section. Once the jumper hits the water he or she immediately releases the parachute, before it can fill with wind and skitter along the surface.

Gonzales didn't worry about being fish bait, or taking a bad ride, once he hit the water. "I was thinking mainly about me."

He found his legs wrapped in the canopy's suspension lines, which trapped him below the surface. "I was pretty scared," he said. "I thought, 'I've got to get out of this.'"

He kicked himself free of the ropes and broke the surface, to wait for a lift from sailors who shipped the troops back to shore.

Gonzales said he thought, "hey, that was pretty exciting. I'd like to do it again."



Spec. Edward Bradshaw, with the post Air Delivery Section, unstraps his helmet after the water jump at Alameda Naval Air Station.

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Sports

SJA takes half court title over DCSOPS, 21-19

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

A 20-foot jumper lifted SJA, 21-19, over DCSOPS in the post Half-court Three-on-three Basketball Championship March 28 at Gym No. 1.

Jerry Washington's toss saved SJA from a 9-0 deficit early in the game, and capped a slow SJA rally.

"It had to fall," Washington said, minutes after the game, exulted by the win. "When I jumped up and released it I knew it was gone."

High point man for the champs was Dale Kennedy, with 11. For SJA, Henry Coleman also topped out at 11.

Baskets in half court play earn less points than those in full court games; from inside the (regulation play) three-point line, a shot earns just one point. Outside the line, baskets earn two points. The winner is the first team to score 21 points.)

Before the game, Coleman said Kennedy was DCSOPS' enemy number one. "He's an excellent offensive player," Coleman said, and turned to watch Kennedy torment the boards in practice, moments before the game.

"If there's such a man that could win this game by himself, it's Kennedy."

So DCSOPS decided to vex Kennedy: center Dale Litney, a half-foot taller than Kennedy, would ride him constantly.

"If that doesn't work, we'll double-team him," Coleman said. "We want to make him [Kennedy] uncomfortable," he explained. "Keep him off balance and make him take shots he doesn't want."

Litney, and later, Coleman himself, kept Kennedy dry for the game's first five minutes. Kennedy later said Coleman's up-close and personal approach was making the game difficult.

DCSOPS threatened to run away with the game, unmatched in the first nine points.

Then came the jumpers, and long loping drives from the key. The more Kennedy danced over the court, the wearier his guards became and the more he capitalized.

Twenty-six minutes into the game, with a 15-foot jumper, Kennedy brought SJA even for the first time, at 18-18.

Both teams quickly scored again, inside the "2 point" line.

Washington's toss, 27 minutes into play, cemented the win.

"We should have concentrated more on defense," Coleman said after the game. "I knew eventually their offense would come around."



SJA's Jerry Washington blocks Henry Coleman's lane to the hoop.

Night-and-day season awaits post women's team

story and photo by Steve Morey

The post Women's Slow-pitch Softball Team will face two new opponents this year—and neither adversary is a softball team.

Starting April 14 at 7:45 p.m., 1989's squad will play all eight of their games under the lights after last year's battles under the sun.

A veritable night and day change.

The 1989 team also is in a more competitive Class "C" spring league after winning the Class "D" summer title in 1988. Presidio's best women softballers will make up one of nine other teams in the San Francisco Department of Recreation Women's Division.

According to one player, the stronger competition and different lighting conditions makes the team work even harder this year.

"Of course, we'll do our best when we hit the field," said Lisa Medeiros, a specialist from Company B, Letterman Army Medical Center.

"Coach [Charles Johnson] always stresses the fundamentals during practice so we know what to expect at game time," added the starting first baseman.

Johnson, a second-year manager for the women's team, is a sergeant major and operations NCO for U.S. Army Sixth Recruiting Brigade (Western) at Fort Baker.

"I like to stress defensive drills so the players know what to do with the ball *before* they get it," explained Johnson. "I want them to think about each situation and be ready for everything."

One of Johnson's more demanding drills checks a player's agility and hand-to-eye coordination. A player, directly behind second base, must run to either side of the bag to field a Coach Johnson grounder. The player then must cleanly field each of the dozen or so chances and throw the ball home.

"Although I don't get too many grounders when I play first, the drill helps me with my coordination and gets me used to moving from side-to-side," said Medeiros.

Most of the 18 to 20 soldier and civilian players trying out for this year's squad are returning from 1988's division title team.

Consequently, said Johnson, the harmony and teamwork during this year's preseason practices is as great as he's ever seen. Part of the credit for the team spirit can be attributed to team captain, shortstop Jacqueline Beagles.

"My job is to keep 'em motivated," said the staff sergeant from Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison. "I try to give both positive and negative pointers, without hurting a player's feelings."

Without fail, Beagles can be heard during every practice shouting encouragement to each of her teammates.

After taking the 1988 summer crown, the post team finished in the final four of the city-wide playoffs. "They know what to expect in the playoffs—and, hopefully, that's where we'll be this summer," concluded Johnson.

The post women's team practices twice a week from about 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Scott diamonds. Their first game is April 14 at the Youngblood Coleman field on the corner of Galvez Avenue and Mendell Street (just north of Candlestick Park).

At 7:45 p.m. of the opening game, the difference between night and day begins . . .



Eyes to the front, Jacqueline Beagles sets up for the kill during practice.

Sports Notes

Softball field reservations

Military unit softball teams are required to make a reservation to use the Fort Scott softball fields.

One-hour reservations can be made in person at Gym No. 1, bldg. 63, or call 561-4131.

After a reservation is completed another one can be made for the next available time. For more information, call John Funes or Charles Hurd at 561-4131.

Playoffs delayed

Sixth Army, scheduled to face USAG for the post Intramural Full Court Basketball title, was disqualified before the March 28 contest for using an ineligible player.

A protest was filed by Co. A, LAMC, which lost, 75-70, to Sixth Army in the losers' bracket. the non-post player participated in league and playoff action.

Sports Branch chief, Bobbie Gascon, and league coordinator, John Funes, declared Sixth Army out of the playoffs; and scheduled a revamped, single-elimination playoff for March 30, April 3 and 4.

Co. A, LAMC, Co. B, LAMC, LAIR and DOL all received new life in the playoffs. The winner, Co. A, LAMC, played USAG Tuesday; the result was not known at presstime. Check next week's *Star Presidian* for the championship story and photos.

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Community Calendar

Photo correction

Two weeks ago, the *Star Presidian* ran a photo of a solider from Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, atop a new bulldozer outside bldg. 924.

Much to the regret of the *Star Presidian* staff, the pictured soldier—**Spec. David J. Murray**—was incorrectly identified as *Sgt. Anthony D. Haag.* Both Charlie Company soldiers were present during the unveiling of four, 26-ton dozers, part of a post and Sixth U.S. Army modernization program.

During the layout of the newspaper, the soldiers' IDs were switched with their photos. Again, the *Star Presidian* apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused Haag, Murray or Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

The Star Presidian staff

Sixth Army Wives

The Sixth Army Wives April luncheon is at Sam's in Tiburon on April 20, NOT April 13. If you have questions, call Ellen Litney at **346-9436.**

POWC scholarships

Applications for POWC scholarships are available now from Marilyn Sobke, 1332 Wright Loop; Arietta Valenti, 334 Infantry Terrace; or Mary Joe Swift, Quarters 4N, Fort Mason.

These scholarships will be awarded to members of the POWC and/or the children of POWC members. All applications and supplementary materials must be returned to Marilyn Sobke by Monday.

For more information and instructions, call Marilyn Sobke at **567-3632.**

Recycle Saturday

Recycling for April will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities groups will visit all housing areas on post. Have your newpapers and all aluminum cans set out by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All profits from recycling go to the groups doing the work.

Fort Mason

More than 50 organizations are headquartered at Fort Mason. Many offer free or inexpensive classes, tours and shows. For a recorded message about each week's events, call **441-5705.**



'Mississippi Burning'

photo by David Appleby

The fire and fear of "Mississippi Burning," which opens Saturday at the Presidio Theatre.

POWC tour

On Thursday, the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club (POWC) will sponsor a tour of the Mountanos Brothers Coffee Company, to see how coffee is roasted and blended. They will meet at the Officers' Club parking lot by 9:15 a.m., and form car pools. After the tour, POWC members will have lunch at Bertolucci's in South San Francisco. The only costs will be for lunch, and a share of gas for the drivers. Call Ellen Litney by Monday at **346-9436** for reservations.

USO job search

The Hyatt Hotels and Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, one of San Francisco's most prestigious law firms, are listing job openings for receptionists and other positions with USO. If you are a military spouse, you are eligible to enroll in the program. Come to the USO, in the basement of bldg. 223 Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call **561-2436.**

Toastmasters

Looking for an interesting way to spend your noon hour? Attend the next Toastmaster's meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in the Civilian Personnel Directorate's Training Classroom (second floor) in bldg. 37 on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. (From the parking lot behind the MP Station, go in the door at the top of the center steps.)

For information, call Diane Lemley at **563-6481.**

Hamilton shuttle fare increase

Starting now, the cost of the Hamilton Shuttle Bus Ticket Book will increase to $10 for a book of 10 tickets. Tickets bought before April 1, will still be sold at $6 a book of 10 tickets, with a limit of two books a person. Books may be bought at the Movements Branch, bldg. 35, room 116.

Job fair

A free government job fair is being held April 18 at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo, Calif. More than 500 local, state and federal agencies will be recruiting for all kinds of positions—from entry-level to professional. The fair will last from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information call Ron Visconti at **345-0753.** The Community Center Education Center is sponsoring this event.

Family portraits

Here's an opportunity to get those Mother's Day photos of your family. The Arts and Crafts Center, bldg. 122, offers five, 4 x 5" color prints for $25. Appointments for sittings are every 30 minutes and additional prints may be ordered. Pre-payment is required.

Call **561-ARTS** for appointments on these dates: **May 19 and 20.**

SATO travel news

Norwegian Cruise Lines is offering a three- and four- day cruise aboard the Southward from Los Angeles to Catalina, Mexico and San Diego. Reduced cruise rates for the three-day trip start at $279 a person, double occupancy. Rates begin at $349 a person, double occupancy, for the four-day cruise. The ship departs every Friday from Los Angeles. (Only the four-day schedule includes the stop in San Diego.)

For more information call SATO Travel at **561-2314.**

ITT news

Great America 'good any day' tickets available now. Great America's "Good Any Day" discount tickets are being sold at ITT. "Good Any Day" tickets give you unlimited use of all the rides, shows and attractions.

Adult ticket prices are $12.75; children's tickets ages 3 through 6 years old are $8.75. Children younger than 2 years old are admitted free. Adult savings are $5.20 off of the regular gate price of $17.95.

Oakland A's baseball tickets. Tomorrow, April 7, ITT will start selling tickets for some various prepicked A's games. For information, call **561-3992.**

Giants baseball tickets. *Tickets are on sale now for the April 11 game vs. LA. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis (active duty soldiers have priority).*

SF city tours. City tours are now available through ITT and cover all the major sightseeing areas. Included are: Golden Gate Park, Fisherman's Wharf; The Embarcadero; Lombard Street; and a Vista Point view of the skyline. The cost is only $7. The first trip will be on April 20. Details are available at ITT.

For information about any of these events, visit or phone ITT, bldg. 215, **561-3992.**

Teen Council

Would you like to be on the Teen Council, and have some input on what happens at the Youth Activities Center? Would you like to help plan dances and car washes? If the answer is 'Yes', come to the Teen Council meeting, April 24, at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Center at **561-5910.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Apr. 6: Beaches (PG-13), 7 p.m. Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey. The touching story of a profound frienship from childhood between two wildly mismatched women.

Fri, April 7: Beaches (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, April 8: Mississippi Burning (R), 7 p.m. Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe. Set in the deep south in 1964, this true story follows two FBI agents as they solve a volatile case involving the disappearance and murder of three civil rights workers.

Sun, April 9: Mississippi Burning (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, April 10: Mississippi Burning (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, April 11: The Accused (R), 7 p.m. Kelly McGillis, Jodie Foster. A sobering study of mob reaction to a young girl's brutal gang-rape in front of a cheering crowd.

Wed, April 12: My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13), 7 p.m. Dan Aykroyd, Kim Basinger. A scientist searching for extraterrestrial life finds just what he's looking for (and more).

Thu, April 13: True Believer (R), 7 p.m. James Woods, Robert Downey, Jr. A brilliant outspoken attorney who defends the rights of big money criminals, defends a young Asian man falsely convicted of a gang slaying.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	**April 7:**	**Who Framed Roger Rabbit (PG)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat,	**April 8:**	**Harry and the Hendersons (PG)**	**1 p.m.**
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News Briefs

Army Days Volksmarch

The Army Days Volksmarch will be June 3 and will include points of historical interest. Presidio volunteers dressed in period costumes will be at various points along the 10-kilometer walk to give information to the tour-takers. If you, or your Presidio organization, would like to spend the day re-living post history, call Maj. John Costigan at **561-4048.**

Army-Air Force mutual aid

The Army-Air Force Mutual Aid Association will hold a meeting in the post theater May 9 at 2 p.m. The guest speaker, Chester J. Bobinski Jr., is the senior vice-president of the organization. He will discuss veteran's benefits, survivor's benefits program and information about life insurance policies and documents needed for estate planning. For more information, call **561-3660.**

Armed Forces Day with the Oakland A's

The Presidio and other military commands in the San Francisco Bay Area have arranged for a special Armed Forces Day game with the Oakland Athletics. Admission tickets are being offered at half price ($3.50 instead of $7) for this 1 p.m. game with the Boston Red Sox. Anyone interested in attending should go to the ITT office, bldg. 215. Information on special transportation for Presidians and Armed Forces activities at the game will be provided in future editions of the *Star Presidian.*

Earthquake briefing

The Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization is hosting a multi-media presentation on individual and family survival during an earthquake. Two presentations will be given on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A short film showing the Armenian earthquake will be shown. All presentations will be in the post theater and are open to everyone.

School registration

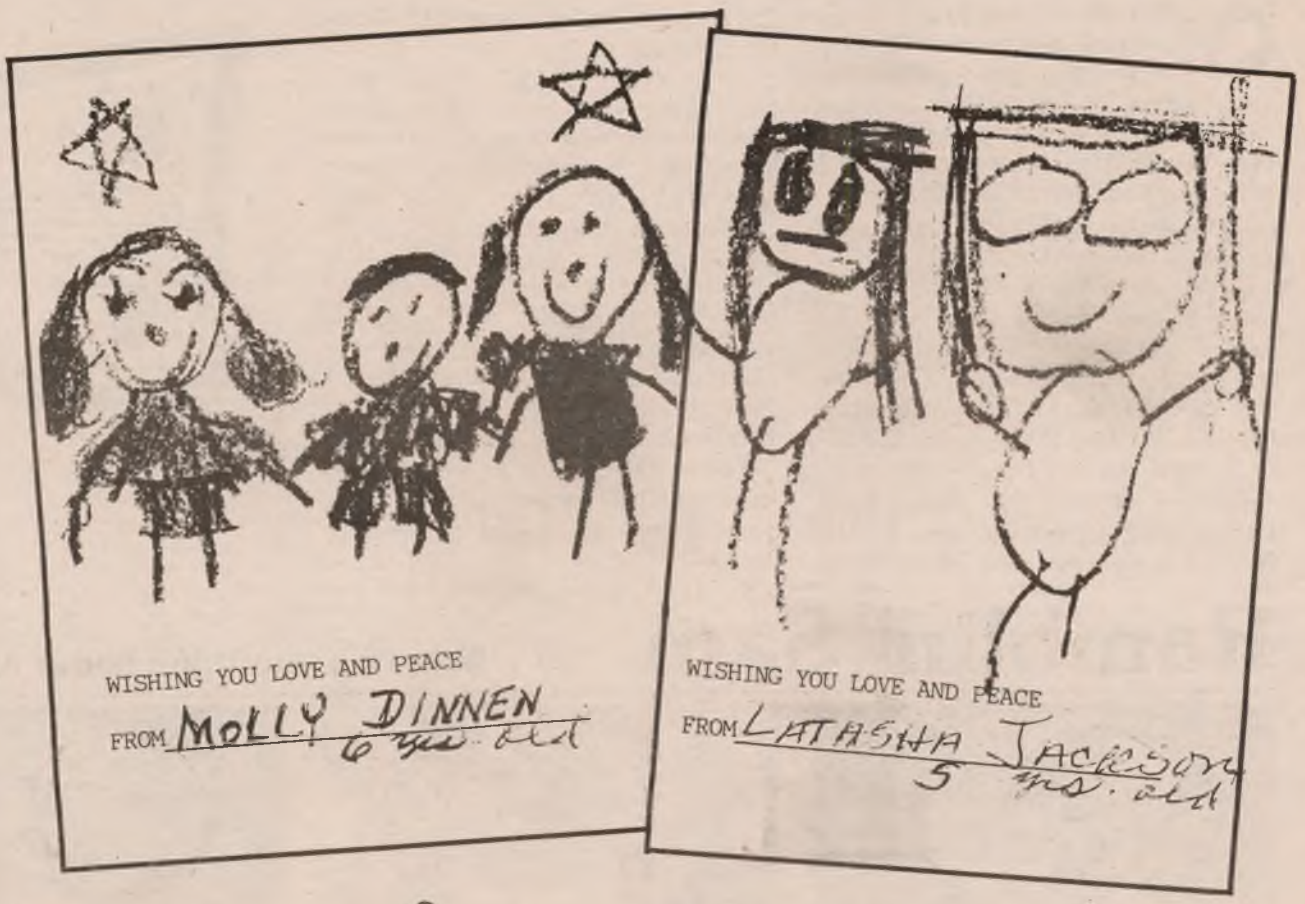
Attention Forts Baker and Barry parents: kindergarten pre-registration in the Sausalito School District will be held April 17 to 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bayside/MLK School office, 630 Nevada Street. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 2, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten classes starting in September.

Parents must bring a birth certificate, baptismal record or passport as proof of the child's birthdate. In addition, verification that a child has been immunized against poliomyelitis, measles, diptheria, pertussis, tentanus and mumps is required by law and must be available upon registration.

IG office moves

The Inspector General office presently located in bldg. 87, room 219, will move Tuesday and Wednesday. Its new location will be in bldg. 35, room 216. The telephone numbers remain the same: **561-2911** or **561-5311.**

For more information, call Capt. Donald A. McCunniff.



Month of the Military Child

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

This month the post joins the Department of Defense in celebrating the Month of the Military Child. Child Development Center (CDC) Program Director Kristine Rutland-Cooper has organized a variety of serious and non-so-serious events to remind Presidio parents how special their children are. According to the CDC staff these activities are being scheduled to help the adult community better remember the wonder and joy of childhood.

At presstime, April 12 was to be a balloon launch. Sixth U.S. Army CSM Robert A. Whiteford was given the responsibility of releasing three red, white and blue balloons emblazoned with tags bearing a message of peace and love, and decorated by the budding Picasso's at the CDC. Balloon finders not only will receive an original piece of artwork but know that the military children have taken a hand in a special celebration to honor them.

On April 20 at 10 a.m. there will be a children's program at the Center. The children will do finger plays, songs and skits. Open house will follow the program.

Later that same day, from 3 to 6 p.m., CDC children will be fingerprinted by the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) staff. They are not being given house arrest...the fingerprinting, sponsored by the Pepsi Cola Co., is being done as a safety precaution. Fingerprints allow law enforcement officials to positively identify a child if there should be a need to do so later on. For example, if a child disappears Presidio parents can get in touch with the MPs who will have a copy of these fingerprints. According to Spec. Patrick R. Wilson with the PMO Crime Prevention Office, the MPs then will forward the information and the fingerprints to the National Crime Information Center. Presidio children not enrolled in the CDC can be fingerprinted Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Activities Center, bldg. 1331. There is no charge for the fingerprinting.

The Association of the United States Army will sponsor a Volskmarch April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDC children and their parents will walk one mile.

To wrap up the celebration, there will be an appreciation ceremony April 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The ceremony is intended to give thanks to the folks who help take care of the military children. Staff from Army Community Services, Child Development Services and Youth Activities will be honored.

Why celebrate the Month of the Military Child? As caregiver Phyllis Gettysmith said, "It's hard to put into words what I know in my heart. It's important to hold up their accomplishments—children thrive on recognition, praise and acknowledgement.

"They're our future, that's why they're special. They look at things differently than adults. It sparks the child in you. They give me something special."

Lead caregiver Carrie Tripp echoed this sentiment. "Children are special to me because they are a beautiful gift from God. They're a joy to watch and be with."

She, like many of the caregivers at the CDC, try to make up for what they see as some of the difficulties of being a military child—moving around and getting uprooted more often than their civilian counterparts. But as Tripp points out there are certain advantages, namely seeing a lot more of other countries or states. This certainly can give Presidio children a one-up when it comes to geography classes in school.

Interested in paying a little homage to your children? Call the CDC for more information at **561-3588.**

Voices

Ways to beat the budget

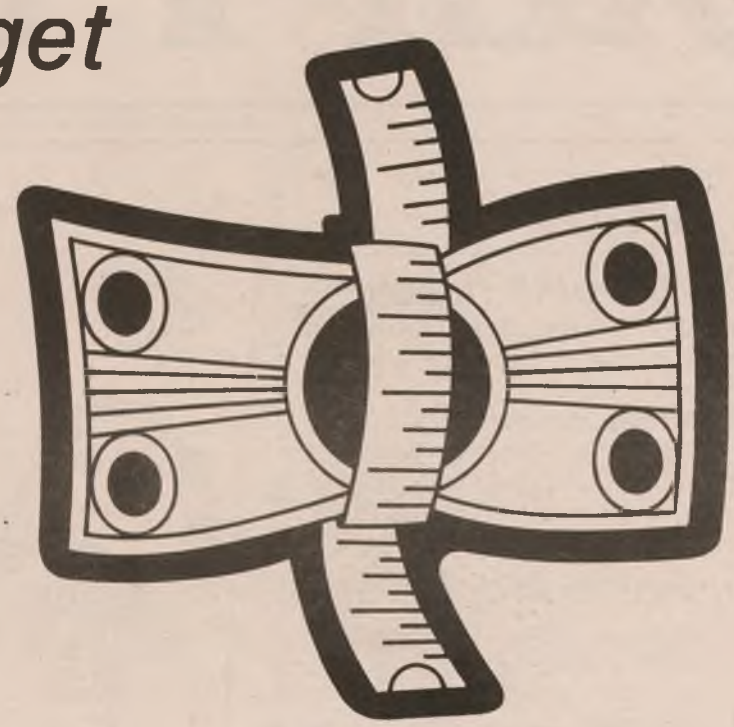
by Richard Clark, Sixth U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Division.

On March 27, the Sixth Army Command Conference Facility was bubbling with enthusiastic anticipation. It was the first day of a five day course on Computer Security and Information Risk Management being presented by the Department of Defense Computer Institute of the National Defense University.

The course was made possible by the combined creative financing efforts of the Security Branches of: Intelligence and Security Division, ODCSOPS; Sixth U.S. Army; and the Presidio. Neither Sixth Army Security Section nor the Presidio Security Section (formerly the PSF DPTMSEC), separately, were able to finance the course, but by splitting the cost, 22 students were able to attend the course.

One of the primary objectives of the course was to provide students with an understanding of the classes of actions necessary to safeguard computer systems and the sensitive information they process.

During these austere times it is encouraging to see employees put their heads together and come up with ways to provide needed training. Congratulations to Charles Dowd, Bobbie Houser, Les Okamoto and Elizabeth Pietri, of the Intelligence Security Division, who are not only meeting their obligations, but are looking forward, and setting an example.



Ramblin' Sam

"What do you think about experiments being done on animals?"



Beverly Vogt, instructor, secretary, Post Arts and Crafts Center: "For drugs, I would definitely want them tested on animals before being tested on humans. I wouldn't want the animals abused though."



Cpl. Shirley Gray, clerk/typist, 902nd Military Intelligence Group: "I feel like animals have a right to live, but we need to do research to find the cure to disease. I'm sympathetic to both."



SSgt. David Landals, NCOIC Animal Care Services, Letterman Army Institute of Research: "I'm in favor of it. I think it's better to use animals than humans so we can obtain necessarry medical advancements and knowledge."



Lt. Col. Robert Johnson, deputy commander, 6th Region USA Criminal Investigation Division Command: "I think if human life is at stake it's clearly in the best interest of our children for animals to be used as humanely as possible."

Worth Repeating

"I believe every person has a heart, and if you can reach it, you can make a difference."

—Uli Derickson,
flight attendant

"A little learning, indeed, may be a dangerous thing, but the want of learning is a calamity to any people."

—Frederick Douglass,
journalist

"In the old days, a man who saved money was a miser; now he is a wonder."

—anonymous

"I have never seen so teachable and helpful a class as the Army generally."

—Florence Nightingale,
English nurse

"There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond and to know one's self."

—Benjamin Franklin,
American statesman

Do You Know?

A shipboard expression for the lost-and-found department?
lucky bag

The name of the line dividing the Atlantic Ocean during World War II whereby convoy and ship movements changed from American (South Atlantic) to British (North Atlantic) control or vice versa?
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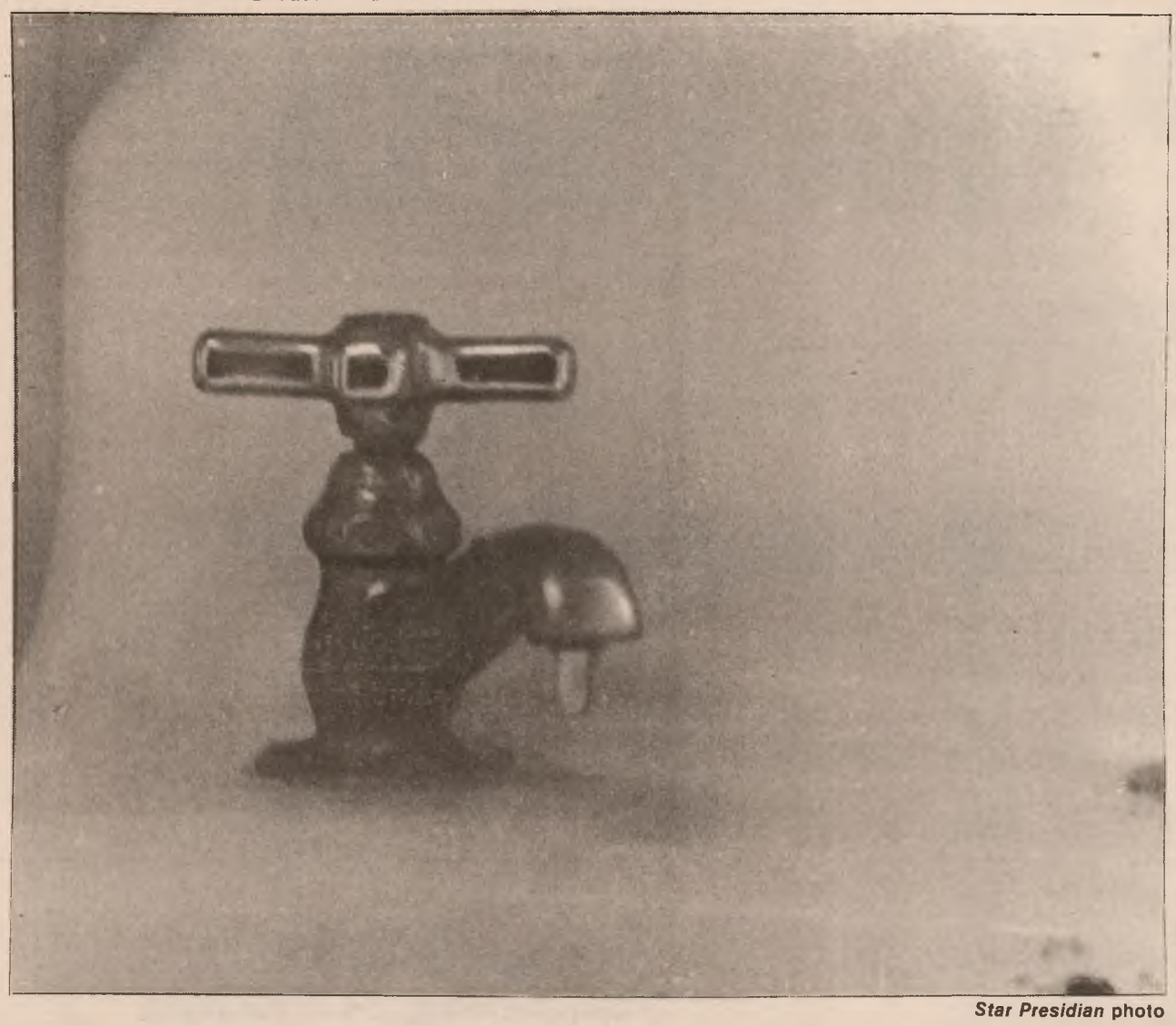
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Bad news, Bay Area....

The Bay Area, including the Presidio, faces a critical water shortage from a lack of *rain this winter.* Conserving water will be the only way to ensure everyone has enough in the hot months ahead. The *Star Presidian* will begin publishing water-saving tips to let Presidians know how they can help.

LAMC offers HIV testing

Since July, 1988, LAMC has offered Routine Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing to Health Care Beneficiaries (HCB) receiving inpatient and outpatient care. While HIV is the name of the virus which can cause AIDS, many people simply refer to the test as the AIDS test.

Almost everyone has heard about this deadly virus that can be transmitted through intimate sexual contact, sharing of needles, or from an infected mother to her baby. While most people do not feel they are at risk for infection, people may have been exposed to the virus through intimate sexual contact in the past, or through a blood transfusion before HIV antibody testing in early 1985. Concerned HCB should seek HIV testing through their health care provider at LAMC.

The purpose of the HIV testing program is to provide HCB the opportunity to learn about their health. Signs stating "HIV Testing Available-Ask Your Health Care Provider" are being placed in the clinics and on the wards, along with educational materials which explain more about the virus, means of transmission, ways to prevent transmission and HIV antibody testing.

For more information, counseling, or to schedule a class for soldiers or civilians call Sandy Green, Preventive Medicine Service at **561-3929** or **561-3924.**



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Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-03, $6.79 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

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Food Service Worker: NA-7408-04, $5.79 an hour, weekend job.
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Food Service Worker (3 positions): NA-7408-01, $5.37 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

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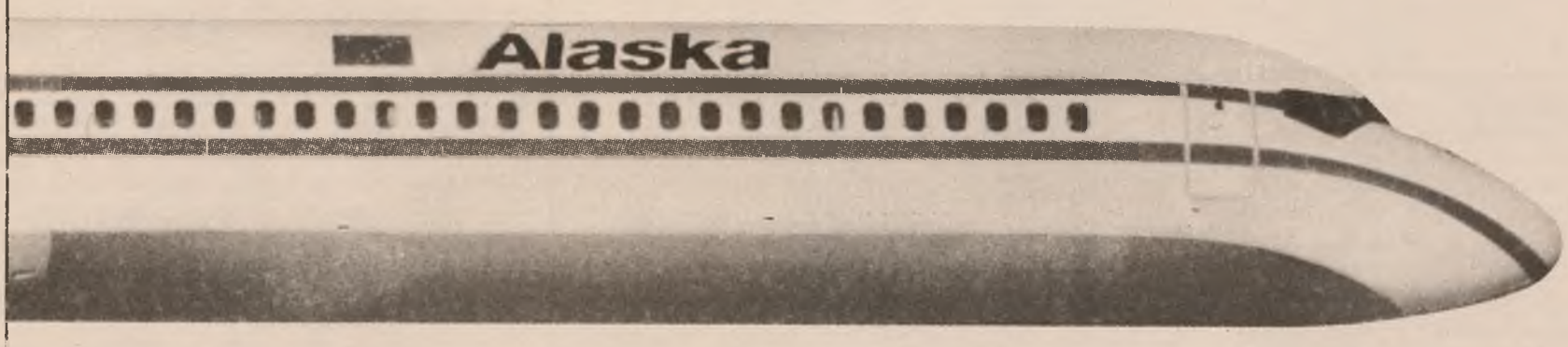
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You Should Know

Post volunteers lead the way to excellence

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

A Cub Scout leader is the post Volunteer of the Year.

Linda Holmes, a WEEBLOS patrol leader with Pack 77, exemplifies the best qualities in a volunteer, including "dedication, loyalty, honesty, initiative, and unselfishness," said Rosyln H. Johnson, installation volunteer coordinator.

She was nominated and chosen by a panel of five leaders in the community. This marks the first time in at least five years the title has been awarded, according to Starine Cheek, director of Army Community Services.

Cheek, who has worked with Holmes at ACS, said Holmes is a "quiet workhorse. She doesn't make a whole lot of noise, but she does a whole lot of work."

Holmes also volunteers as a Sunday school teacher at Chapel of Our Lady Catholic church, as a manager in the post recycling program, and as an assistant in Youth Activities.

Unaware (until now) that she had been voted best volunteer, Holmes said a good volunteer "is someone who's concerned about the community they live in and wants to make it a better place to be."

She also said the volunteer gains from community service. "It's a lot of fun. You volunteer because there's a need somewhere and when you get involved, you find you're doing it for enjoyment's sake."

Cheek said Holmes used to run the welcoming program for ACS, smoothing soldiers' move into and out of the Presidio.

Holmes' title is very special, said Cheek, because she's already in company with "high quality, high caliber people—volunteers.

"That's the real message," Cheek said. "This person is extraordinarily giving."

Holmes and 735 post volunteers will be honored tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. at the NCO Club. The ceremony will be the Presidio's toast to National Volunteer Week, April 10 through 14.

Attending will be volunteers from the post Tax Center, ACS, Child Development Services, the Red Cross, Youth Activities and other organizations here.

One of those volunteers, Gladys N. Siemens, said she hopes the fanfare encourages more people to get involved in community service. "Gen.," as she likes to be called, said the Tax Center, where she volunteers, certainly needs the help.



Linda Holmes, post recycling program manager, sorts through newspapers at the recycling bins here April 7. Holmes is the post Volunteer of the Year.

"We really need more volunteers," she said. "People in the military can't always afford the horrendous prices [commercial tax services] charge."

Another volunteer, Cynthia A. Drake, believes that having volunteers is a great benefit to soldiers and their families on post. Drake, manager of the welcoming program at ACS, said volunteers are like an instant friend to soldiers just assigned here.

She explains how welcoming program volunteers go out of their way to make soldiers feel at home—almost before they're unpacked.

"Sometimes they're standing there in a pile of boxes, and the kids are screaming, and a volunteer knocks on the door and greets them with a plate of cookies, or flowers, and says, 'Hi! Welcome to the community. Would you like to be a volunteer?'"



Frances B. Roebke, a volunteer at the Letterman Army Medical Center Library, checks a soldiers' library card .

Military families get adoption money

by Joel P. Smith

A Presidio family recently received $2,000 from a special Department of Defense fund which helps service members pay adoption expenses.

According to Barbara A. Mitchell, chief of Financial Services at the post Finance and Accounting Office, the fund can pay up to $2,000 for military families which adopt one child. It may pay up to $5,000 for families which adopt two or more children, she said.

Established by the 1988 Defense Authorization Act, the program is open to active-duty service members on continuous assignment for at least 180 days, according to an article written by Evelyn D. Harris, with American Forces Information Services.

It covers adoptions started between Oct. 1, 1987, and Sept. 30, 1989, according to Harris. Eligibility will be determined by the date of the initial home study report or the date the child is placed in the home, whichever falls within the time period.

The plan, which is getting a two-year trial run, reimburses soldiers for "reasonable and necessary expenses," the act states. These include:

- Attorney's fees and court costs.
- Medical expenses, including fees for physical examinations for the adopting parents; fees incurred by the biological mother, relating to pregnancy and childbirth; and expenses for maternity home costs.
- Expenses for transporting the child to the United States or the soldier's duty station.

Congress designed the plan to allow adoptions of children up to age 18. These may include children born outside the United States and those with special needs.

Only married couples may use the fund, Harris said.

On post, couples may apply for adoption funds at the Finance and Accounting Office. Just go to the Military Pay Inquiry Desk and ask for DA Form 2496, said Mitchell.

After filing the form with Finance, along with a copy of the home study report and relevant receipts, the Staff Judge Advocate Office will review it. Mitchell said if the application is approved, the adoptive parents may have a check within a month of filing.

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New tax laws mean new IRA deductions



To claim an IRA as a tax deduction, Presidians must meet eligibility requirements, which are based on the size of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income and whether the taxpayer is an active participant in any type of employer-maintained retirement plan.

Taxpayers can claim the maximum deduction for IRA contributions ($2000 or 100 percent of compensation, whichever is less) only if they meet one of the following criteria:

- The individual is not an active participant (or in the case of a married couple, neither spouse is an active participant) in an employer-maintained retirement plan during the year, regardless of the amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income; or
- The individual (or in the case of a married couple, either spouse) is an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan and the taxpayer's adjusted gross income is less than $40,000 for a married couple or $25,000 for a single individual.

If an individual (or in the case of a married couple, either spouse) is an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan, the maximum allowable deduction for contributions to an IRA will begin to "phase out" when adjusted gross income reaches $25,000 ($40,000 for a married couple). When adjusted gross income reaches $35,000 ($50,000 for a married couple), no deductions are allowed for IRA contributions.

While many Presidians may have their deductible IRA contributions reduced or eliminated due to the eligibility requirements, they will be able to continue making non-deductible contributions to a new or an existing IRA. As with the earnings on deductible IRA contributions, any earnings realized on non-deductible IRA contributions are not taxed until distributed to the taxpayer, generally at retirement when the individual may have a lower taxable income.

Tax law changes on IRAs, through the Tax Reform Act of 1986, include changes in the rules concerning spousal IRA deductions, qualified voluntary employee contributions and the purchase of gold and silver coins for an IRA.

The spousal IRA provisions have been changed to eliminate the requirement that the spouse have no compensation in the year in order to be eligible for the spousal IRA contribution.

The law repealed the IRA deduction previously allowed for voluntary employee deductible contributions to a qualified plan. Also, beginning in 1987, taxpayers are allowed to establish an IRA by investing in certain gold and silver coins issued by the United States.

Other basic tax rules concerning IRAs were not affected by the law. Taxpayers may continue to establish or contribute funds to an IRA at any time during the tax year and the following year, up to the due date for filing their tax returns, without extensions, prior to the year they reach age 70½.

Taxpayers who withdraw funds from an IRA before age 59½ are required to pay an additional 10 percent tax unless the withdrawal was due to the death or permanent disability of the taxpayer or was due to a return of non-deductible contributions. Taxpayers may also continue to make tax-free rollovers, either from one IRA to another or from an employer-maintained retirement plan to an IRA.

For more tax help call the Presidio Tax Center at **561-2TAX.**

Double check figures

To those expecting a tax refund this year, the Internal Revenue service says an error-free return speeds processing time. A quick check for accuracy can help avoid mistakes; and a carefully prepared, easy-to-read return can be processed faster.

Once the return is completed, taxpayers should consult the following check list:

- ❑ Have you attached all your Forms W-2, "Wage and Tax Statements"?
- ❑ Have you attached all the supporting schedules to your Form 1040?
- ❑ Are your name and Social Security number on each schedule?
- ❑ Are the names and Social Security numbers of dependents 5 years or over on your return?
- ❑ Is your arithmetic correct?
- ❑ Are all of your entries on the proper lines?
- ❑ If you rounded off your numbers, did you round off consistently?
- ❑ When you used the Tax Table, did you follow the line across to the correct column for your filing status?
- ❑ Did you sign and date your return? Remember, if it's a joint return, your spouse must sign, too.
- ❑ Did you use the peel-off label, and is the information on the label correct?
- ❑ Did you make a copy of your return for your records?
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Sports

Co. A, LAMC sizzles, takes full court basketball crown

story and photos by Steve Morey

With the drama inside Gym No. 1 on April 4, you might have thought the University of Michigan and Seton Hall were battling it out for the NCAA Basketball Championship.

In reality, it was Co. A, LAMC vs. Headquarters Company, USAG in the post Intramural Full Court Basketball Championship before a boisterous crowd of LAMC and USAG supporters.

LAMC defended their 1988 post title and nail-biting 89-85 (in double overtime) and 76-74 victories over USAG in the double-elimination playoffs. Co. A, which needed both wins for the title, advanced through the losers' bracket after an earlier round loss to USAG.

Both April 4 games were played during an unseasonably warm evening which turned up the heat inside the gymnasium. Add to that the overtime play, and it all equals fatigued and cramped ballplayers.

The first contest was marred by a season-ending injury (broken lower right leg) to LAMC's Terry Ashley with 1:25 to play in regulation.

After a half hour's rest, the squads squared off again. According to the playoff's most valuable player, LAMC's Rick Acuna, his teammate's injury was the motivating factor for LAMC's victory in the second game.

"We wanted the championship *real* bad—especially for Ashley," said Acuna, who himself suffered a broken left ankle at 1:16 in the first game. Despite the injury and four fouls throughout most of the second game, Acuna sank a team-high 22 points.

"We just came together," explained Acuna. "We huddled between games and decided to go to a half court game [on offense]."

"Said Ashley, "When they told me about dedicating the game to me, it just did a lot for me. It made me feel real special, like somebody *really* cared."

Acuna's efforts drew praise from USAG's coach, Jerry Washington: "He played an outstanding game—he motivated the whole team, especially after Ashley broke his leg.

"He deserved the [MVP] award."

Acuna was asked if it was wise playing the second game that night, instead of the next evening. "Very much so. I think that considering everything that happened [injuries, cramps, fatigue] it was worth playing right away."

According to USAG's Sheldon Martin, the game's top scorer with 24 points, he and his teammates were set for game two. "Our adrenaline was pumping after the first game," said Martin. "But, five minutes into the second game, we started to think, 'Hey, we're tired!'"

Martin added that Ashley and Acuna's injuries took him "mentally out of the game. It was hard to get back on track for [the second game]. I was thinking about the team and myself, hoping we wouldn't get hurt."

Coach Washington attributed his team's two losses to player fatigue. "Plus the fact we missed too many easy shots."

USAG's Dale Kennedy almost sent the second game into OT with six seconds left with an intentionally missed free throw.

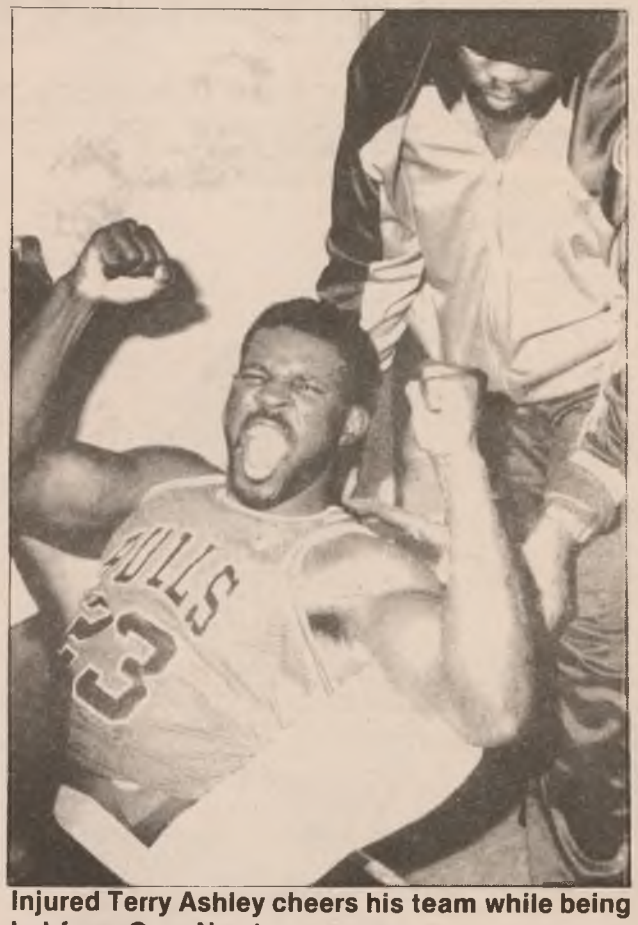
With LAMC ahead, 76-73, Kennedy drove the lane and drew a foul. Needing three points to tie, Kennedy made the first freebie, then fired the ball off the rim's bottom on the second shot.

As planned, the ball bounced to Kennedy and he quickly put the ball back up. The bucket would have tied the game; but it hit off the rim and backboard and fell into Acuna's hands.

"I didn't release the ball the way I wanted," said Kennedy, who added 16 points. If USAG had won, Kennedy could have added a full court, first place trophy next to his half court championships award he won March 28 as a member of SJA team.

"I wanted to prove to myself, and to my teammates, that an older guy can win in both leagues," said the 30-year-old Kennedy. "And I wanted to prove that Garrison [SJA players are from Headquarters Company USAG] could win back-to-back titles in the same year."

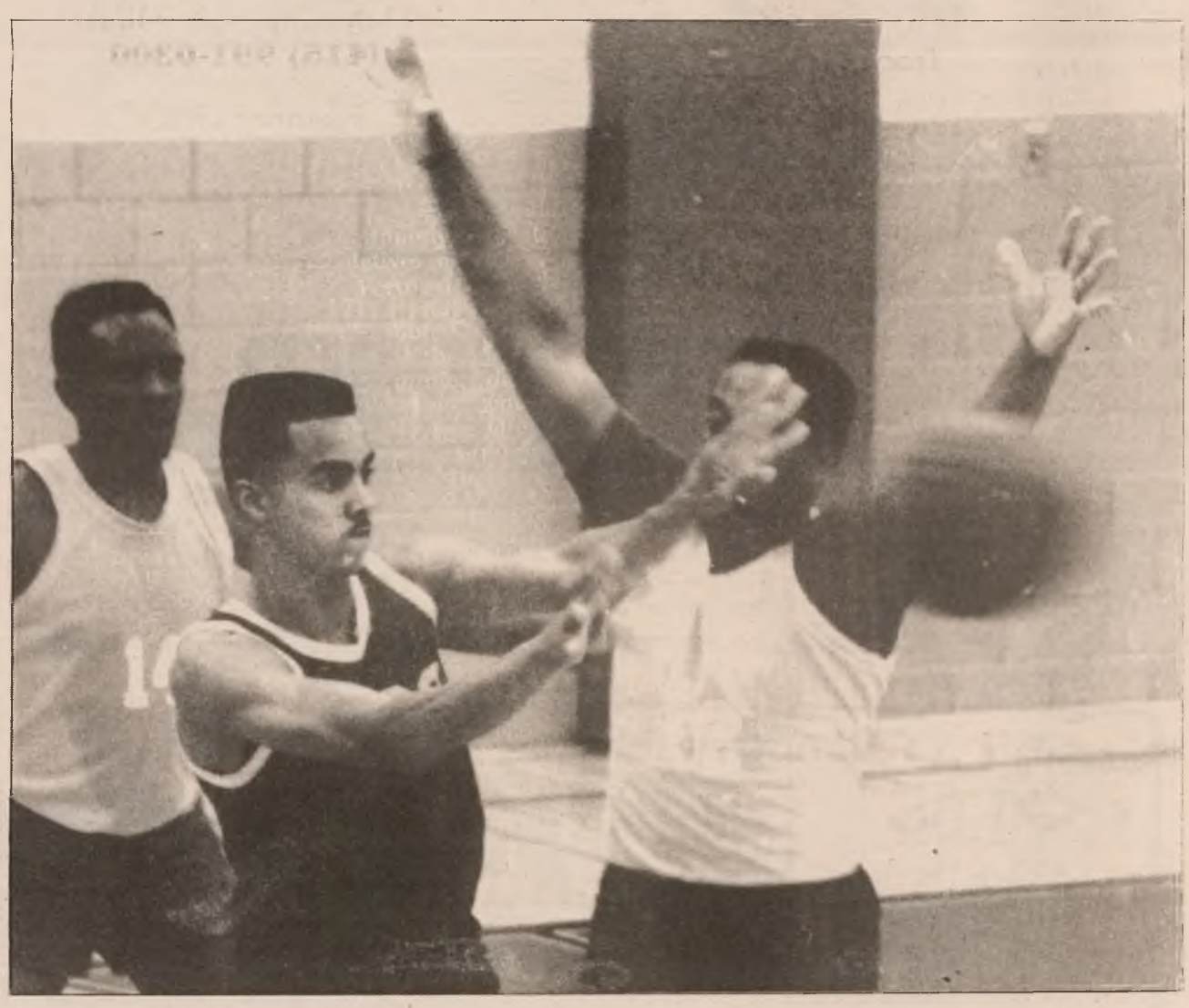
Kennedy will have to try again next year—this year's crown belongs to Co. A, LAMC.



Injured Terry Ashley cheers his team while being led from Gym No. 1.



Co. A, LAMC's Wayne Rogers applies pressure defense against USAG's Sheldon Martin.



Feeling the LAMC heat, USAG's Scott Moss dishes the ball to a teammate.

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Community Calendar

YA fashion show

Youth Activities (YA) is sponsoring a fashion show at the post theater on April 22, at 4 p.m., to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Clothes will be provided by the Post Exchange and a local store, and will be modeled by YA teens and pre-teens. The cost is $3 for adults and $1 for youths younger than 12 years old.

Education Center

Summer college courses on post. San Francisco State University is offering two classes on post starting in June: First Year Composition and American Politics. Both courses meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m., June 13 through August 3. See an education counselor for information and registration at the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or **561-4445, or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, 561-4030** or **561-3693.**

Tuition assistance increases to five courses a fiscal year. Soldiers eligible for Tuition Assistance (TA) are now able to receive TA for up to five courses each fiscal year. The one course a quarter restriction has been removed. Courses must be started between Oct. 1, 1988, and Sept. 30, 1989. Tuition Assistance is not retroactive for self-paid courses which began between Oct. 1, 1988 and March 21, 1989.

There is still a cap of $80 a semester hour for undergraduates study and $165 for graduate.

For more information see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, or the LAMC Education Center.

Windsurfing

Learn one of the Bay Area's most exciting sports! Outdoor Recreation will be sponsoring a one-day class June 24. This is a six-hour certification course; two hours ground school and four hours in the water. The cost is $55 which includes professional instruction, equipment and transportation to and from instruction site. Class size is limited. Sign-up and pay through ITT.

Fort Mason

More than 50 organizations are headquartered at Fort Mason. Many offer free or inexpensive classes, tours and shows. For a recorded message about each week's events, call **441-5705.**



photo courtesy Jack Wodell Associates

'Three Fugitives'

Catch this comedy cops 'n robbers movie on post, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Presidio Crisis Line

Are you one who listens—and helps? Do you help out when someone suffers a loss? Are you there for others to tell you their troubles? Then, there's a place for you!

The Presidio Crisis Line is a group of volunteers trained to listen—and help—the PSF families experiencing stress. What do you get as a volunteer?

- Free 16-hour professional training.
- Earn Army Community Service (ACS) volunteer hours.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of helping others as you volunteer right from you own home.

What will you give as a volunteer? You'll give of your time to help people in stress or crisis—from depression and loneliness to spousal abuse and child abuse, to suicide prevention. Training for new volunteers starts at the end of April. Call Nancy Niederhauser at ACS for dates and times: **561-5057** or **561-5155.**

Free Wheelers

The Free Wheelers help people in wheelchairs get out and enjoy the Bay Area. They have organized more than 1,000 outings this year and need some volunteers to help. Some of the planned events include 49'er games and visits to the planetarium, theaters and restaurants.

If this sounds like a deal you can't refuse, call the Free Wheelers at **664-3620.**

Sixth Army Wives

The Sixth Army Wives April luncheon is at Sam's in Tiburon on April 20, NOT April 13. If you have questions, call Ellen Litney at **346-9436.**

Job fair

A free government job fair is being held April 18 at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo, Calif. More than 500 local, state and federal agencies will be recruiting for all kinds of positions—from entry-level to professional. The fair will last from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information call Ron Visconti at **345-0753.** The Community Center Education Center is sponsoring this event.

SATO travel news

Norwegian Cruise Lines is offering a three- and four- day cruise aboard the Southward from Los Angeles to Catalina, Mexico and San Diego. Reduced cruise rates for the three-day trip start at $279 a person, double occupancy. Rates begin at $349 a person, double occupancy, for the four-day cruise. The ship departs every Friday from Los Angeles. (Only the four-day schedule includes the stop in San Diego.)

For more information call SATO Travel at **561-2314.**

Sailing lessons

Sign up for basic sailing lessons taught through the Presidio Yacht Club. Lessons are held two consecutive Saturday and Sunday mornings and the cost is $35. Instructors are members of the Presidio Yacht Club.

For sign-up and information, call the Presidio Yacht Club at **332-2319.**

Deep sea fishing

The Outdoor Recreation salmon fishing trip aboard the "Lucky Lady" on May 20 is filling up fast! Don't be left on the dock as Presidians head out the Golden Gate for a great day of fishing.

Other deep sea fishing trips being offered to the Presidio community are on the following dates: Salmon fishing; boat departs 5:30 a.m. July 15 and bottom fishing; boat departs 5:30 a.m. Sept. 9.

The cost is $42 a person and includes transportation (if needed) to and from Fisherman's Wharf. Sign-up/payment is through ITT, bldg. 215, **561-3992.**

Creative Cottage

Looking for a perfect wedding gift or graduation present? Come shop at the Creative Cottage, located in bldg. 204, next to the Thrift Shop. It's open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month.

Teen Council

Would you like to be on the Teen Council, and have some input on what happens at the Youth Activities Center? Would you like to help plan dances and car washes? If the answer is 'Yes', come to the Teen Council meeting, April 24, at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Center at **561-5910.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, April 13: True Believer (R), 7 p.m. James Woods, Robert Downey, Jr. A brilliant outspoken attorney who defends the rights of big money criminals, defends a young Asian man falsely convicted of a gang slaying.

Fri, April 14: True Believer (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, April 15: Three Fugitives (PG-13), 7 p.m. Nick Nolte, Martin Short. A deperate father, a forlorn little girl, and a professional thief trying to go straight make a wild romp for the Canadian border after a bungled bank robbery.

Sun, April 16: Three Fugitives (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, April 17: Three Fugitives (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, April 18: I'm Gonna Git You Sucka (R), 7 p.m. Bernie Casey, Jim Brown. In this lighthearted parody, a young man returns home from the Army to find his family in shambles and his neighborhood a war zone.

Wed, April 19: They Live (R), 7 p.m. Roddy Piper, Keith David. An unemployed construction worker discovers a plot by grotesque aliens from another planet to take over the world.

Thu, April 20: Tap (PG-13), 7 p.m. Gregory Hines, Sammy Davis Jr. An old man brings back the art of tap dancing by using the talents of a discouraged ex-con.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, April 14:	Memories of Me (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat, April 15:	Superman IV (PG)	1 p.m.
Sat, April 15:	Moon Over Parador (PG-13)	7 p.m.

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News Briefs

Burger King opening

The grand opening of the post Burger King will be April 27 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and give-aways. Lunch will then be served!

Child car seat replacement

Fisher-Price is replacing a foam piece found in two of its car seats. The piece, which is sandwiched between the car seat pad and the hard plastic, does not meet federal flammability standards.

The car seats, models 9100 and 9101, were stocked at the Presidio Exchange several years ago. Only the models made before Jan. 26, 1989 are affected. Presidians who own one of the car seats can get a free replacement piece by calling Fisher-Price at **800-334-5439**. Company officials stress that the car seat pad itself meets all flammability requirements and the crash protection is not affected. Presidians are urged by Fisher-Price to continue to use the seat while waiting for the replacement part.

Army News Service

Blue Cross, Blue Shield

Betty Canady-Conner, a Blue Cross, Blue Shield representative, will be on post May 4. She will be available from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37, to talk with Presidians who have questions or problems with their policies. Anyone wishing to see her should bring all paperwork relating to his or her problem. Call Diane Nishimoto at **561-5757** to make an appointment.

Fire prevention safety

All charcoal or similar cooking grills are prohibited for use inside buildings, on porches or balconies. However, propane type grills may be used on porches or balconies and if attended at all times when in use. All grills must be located safely away from combustible materials. When cooking is completed, close all propane tank valves, charcoal and similar grills air vents, and extinguish hot coals with water.

Holocaust commemoration

On May 1 at 6:30 a.m. there will be a breakfast in the Officers' Club to commemorate the Holocaust. Louis De Groot, a man who lived in the Netherlands in hiding during the war, will be the guest speaker.

The cost of this event is $6.20. RSVP no later than Tuesday to Chaplain Renfrow at **561-4719**.

Armed Forces Day with the Oakland A's

The Presidio and other military commands in the San Francisco Bay Area have arranged for a special Armed Forces Day game, May 20, with the Oakland Athletics. Admission tickets are being offered at half price ($3.50 instead of $7) for this 1 p.m. game with the Boston Red Sox. Anyone interested in attending should go to the ITT office, bldg. 215.



photo by Joel P. Smith

Soldiers ho!

A roving sentry protects the outskirts of the graders work site. For story and additional photos, see page 5.

9 post soldiers earn medals

by Steve Morey

The flames have long since been extinguished; but, for many Americans, including nine post soldiers, memories of the nation's worst forest fires last fall remain vivid.

The soldiers—most of whom helped to coordinate Sixth U.S. Army's relief program within the fire-ravaged areas—were recently commended for their efforts. Eight officers and one specialist (a *Star Presidian* journalist) were each awarded a Humanitarian Service Medal by Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Commander of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio.

According to one award recipient, the total destruction of Yellowstone National Park was most unnerving to him.

"You could drive for an hour, at 55 miles per hour, and see nothing but burnt trees," recalled Russell Dallas, who earned his award nearly seven months ago as a reserve lieutenant colonel for the 91st Division (Training) from Fort Baker.

"It was that bad," continued Dallas. "Two-thirds of [Yellowstone] was scorched—unbelievable. Thousands and thousands and thousands of trees were destroyed."

Dallas, Moore's senior representative on the scene, is the Plans and Operations Branch chief for Sixth U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG).

He also was the only reservist assigned to help with emergency relief.

Dallas coordinated the billeting, feeding and transporting of more than 5,000 servicemembers. At any given time, two to four Army battalions and two Marine battalions, 40 Air Force members and eight sailors helped to either put out the fires or provide transportation to and from the blazes.

Any disaster relief efforts involving soldiers within the 12 western states are handled by Sixth U.S. Army. Nationwide, the Army is responsible for troop coordination for fire fighting, earthquake relief and flood control.

Capt. Henry Coleman, Mobilization and Plans Officer for Sixth U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DCSOPS) also received a Humanitarian Service Medal.

Coleman, along with DCSOPS awardees Col. Thomas Sellers (then DCSOPS chief, now retired from the Army) and Capt. Arthur Taylor, served as liaisons between Sixth Army and the Boise Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. BIFC controls nationwide civilian support, including personnel and equipment, for national emergencies.

The three officers, who took turns during seven-day-a-week, round-the-clock shifts, assured smooth communication between the Army and civilian commands.

"The thing which stands out in my mind is that it was the first time I assisted with a national emergency relief effort," said Coleman.

"It pleased me to see how well-supported the fire fighting mission was by the civilian agencies, the people and the military. It felt good being a part of that team effort."

For about three weeks, between Aug. 19 to Oct. 6 when Sixth Army was involved, the eight officers helped coordinate the relief program.

However, the specialist, from Headquarters Company, USAG, earned his award for something quite different. Spec. Joel P. Smith traveled to Yellowstone for five days to cover the firefighters' story for the *Star Presidian*.

"The forest fires in Yellowstone demonstrated the good the Army can do in times of trouble," said Smith. "The Army, along with the U.S. Park Service, saved a national treasure and the commerce of the towns as well."

The post's recent Humanitarian Service Medal winners were: Col. Thomas Sellers, DCSOPS; Lt. Col. Charles Pedersen, DCSOPS; Lt. Col. (Res.) Russell Dallas, DCSLOG; Maj. Joseph George, from the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training; Capt. Henry Coleman, DCSOPS; Capt. Joseph E. Henry, DCSOPS; Capt. Harold Johnson, DCSOPS; Capt. Arthur Taylor, DCSOPS; and Spec. Joel P. Smith, Headquarters Company, USAG.

Voices

Get smart—abusive parents can get help

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

It's the "in" topic for the eighties and it'll make you sick.

"It" is the rising number of children hurt or dying from being abused by their parents.

The extreme situations so often found in the media paint a horrifying portrait of the American family. Often however, abuse may be more subtle, and yet equally devastating. It may take one of several forms: physical, verbal, emotional or sexual abuse.

Missing is the understanding that child abuse is preventable. Parents can get help.

On post, Presidians have a number of people to approach for assistance. Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program members are giving seminars on child abuse prevention to soldiers. They also sponsor the Presidio Crisis Line (929-TALK) which is staffed by volunteers who take calls from parents on the verge of a crisis. They'll also listen to children who need help.

If you suspect a child is being abused, you can call the LAMC social workers at **561-2174.** They will investigate and talk with family members.

The Military Police also can be called if you think a child may be suffering from abuse. The telephone number is **561-2251.**

Off post, the Talk Line at **441-KIDS** provides a 24-hour crisis line for parents who need help and someone to confide in.

This month is Child Abuse Awareness Month, but the problem of child abuse is one that looms large every day. If you need help, or know someone who does, take the time to do something about it. Children deserve a good start in life, free from the fear of abuse. Don't you owe it to them?



Ramblin' Sam

"What is your reaction to the protests at the Lombard Gate?"



Sgt. Rhoda Johnson, Company Clerk, 7th PSYOPS Group: "I don't have a problem with people using their freedom of speech... as long as they do it in a friendly way."



Ruth Ann Dorsey, Director of post USO: "I believe very strongly that people have the right to protest within the First Amendment's limits—as long as they don't infringe on other people's rights."



Cpl. Timothy McLean, NCOIC Systems Information Division and Personnel and Record Breakdown: "People have the freedom of speech, but they need to direct their protests toward Washington, rather than the military."



Debbie Blackson, Personnel Management Specialist Intern, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "I feel everybody has a right to speak their own mind. As far as the animal [experiments] go, my heart goes out to the animals, but what else are they going to experiment on?"

Do You Know?

The number of U.S. gallons in a barrel of oil?
42

What Jacques Cartier was looking for when he sailed up the St. Lawrence River in 1534?

a northwest passage to the Orient

The name given to tank obstacles in the form of reinforced concrete tetrapods in the German West Wall in World War II?
dragon's teeth

A term applied to heavy-bomber rectangular formations in World War II?

combat box

What equivalent of the total U.S. yearly energy consumption is contained in an average hurricane?
about one-half

The term for a line of soldiers, ships, strongpoints or other elements placed around an area to deny access to it?
cordon

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The post Soldier of the Year, Spec. Sandy D. Deas Jr., and the Sixth U.S. Army NCO of the Year, Sgt. Jaime F. Flores (right), display their catch.

Presidio honors top soldiers

The post honored its top 1988 NCO and soldier during a April 12 ceremony in the NCO/Enlisted Club. Sgt. Jaime F. Flores and Spec. Sandy D. Deas Jr. were showered with awards, money, gift certificates and sports tickets during the awards luncheon.

Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, opened the ceremonies with hearty congratulations for his soldiers.

Following Moore, each sponsor of the post's soldier award program, supervised by CSM Robert A. Whiteford, Sixth U.S. Army's CSM, offered their respective gifts for Flores and Deas.

The following 1988 NCO/Soldier of the Year supporters were at the ceremony:

- Craig Lassen, Presidio Branch manager for Pentagon Federal Credit Union;
- Larry Howard, NCO/Enlisted Club manager;
- William O. Hoover, Post Exchange manager;
- Ginny Roberts from the Presidio Thrift Shop;
- Lawrence D. Bowen, deputy director of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities;
- Arietta Valenti, president of the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club;
- Lorraine Houtman, acting manager for Eisenhower National Bank;
- Lloyd Wiborg from Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar, 3213 Scott Street in San Francisco;
- Mike Andrade, vice-president and general manager of De Maestri Distributing Company, Inc., in San Rafael; and
- Wayne Kirchoffer, assistant manager for Bobby Rubino's Restaurant, 245 Jefferson Street in San Francisco.

The following supporters couldn't attend the April 12 ceremony; but each sent a gift package to the soldiers:

- Kirsten Schroeder from the Blue and Gold Fleet, Pier 39 in San Francisco;
- Retired Maj. Gen. Richard E. Keith from Keith Sportswear International, 821 Market Street in San Francisco; and
- Dave Craig, Community Relations director for the San Francisco Giants Baseball Club, Candlestick Park, San Francisco.

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Earthquake exercise

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Letterman Army Medical Center "lost" its water supply after an early morning "earthquake" April 11. The drought was quickly ended by post firemen and LAMC disaster relief crew.

The workers brought water back into the hospital by switching water lines from the city supply—suddenly gone dry—to a supply on post.

A test of LAMC earthquake preparedness plan, the Medical Center conducts the exercise annually on or about the anniversary of the April 18, 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

LAMC, which uses an average 445,000 gallons of water a day, may be cut off from city water in a real earthquake, said Robert A. Doney, plans officer for the hospital. Thus, it has set up the emergency source.

About 60 men and women worked to resupply the hospital, Doney said. They took 88 minutes, from the time they were notified of the "water loss," to get water back into the hospital, noted Doney.



Post firefighters lay truck ramps over a water hose crossing on Gorgas Avenue April 11. The firefighters were providing Letterman Army Medical Center with an emergency water supply during an earthquake preparedness exercise.

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Field Training

Company C engineers battle the odds

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Hello American Engineers. Do you like being hot and miserable? Do you like breathing dust and bugs? Of course not. DEFECT.

Ceremonial Platoon left that message behind on leaflets, after raiding Company C of the 864th Engineer Battalion during their April 7 to 11 training exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

Ceremonial Platoon, with United States Army Garrison on post, repeatedly attacked Company C while they were working on engineering projects at Hunter Liggett. Liggett is a scorched, remote training post east of Los Padres National Forest, about 170 miles south of the Presidio.

About 100 Charlie soldiers sweated out the exercise, which was practice for their annual field exercise at Fort Lewis, Wash., May 15 through 19.

That exercise, the Army Readiness Training Evaluation Program, is designed to test their wartime mission-combat engineering.

In practicing for the ARTEP, Company C cleared ground for a new airstrip at Hunter Liggett. They also built a short-cut into a winding mountain road, and graded another road designed to carry tanks, said 1st Lt. Mary Van Atta, personnel officer for the exercise.

Laying mines to protect their flanks while in camp, and recovering them before a move, added a combative edge to the exercise, said SFC Calvin C. Belcher, staff engineer sergeant for the exercise.

Sweltering in temperatures that hovered at 100 degrees at noon, the soldiers worked as many as 20 hours a day.

PFC Paul E. Malmquist, a plumber with Charlie, said the heat was a teacher. "It teaches you to conserve yourself," he said. "You might be really gung ho in the beginning of the day, then you're dragging in the end.

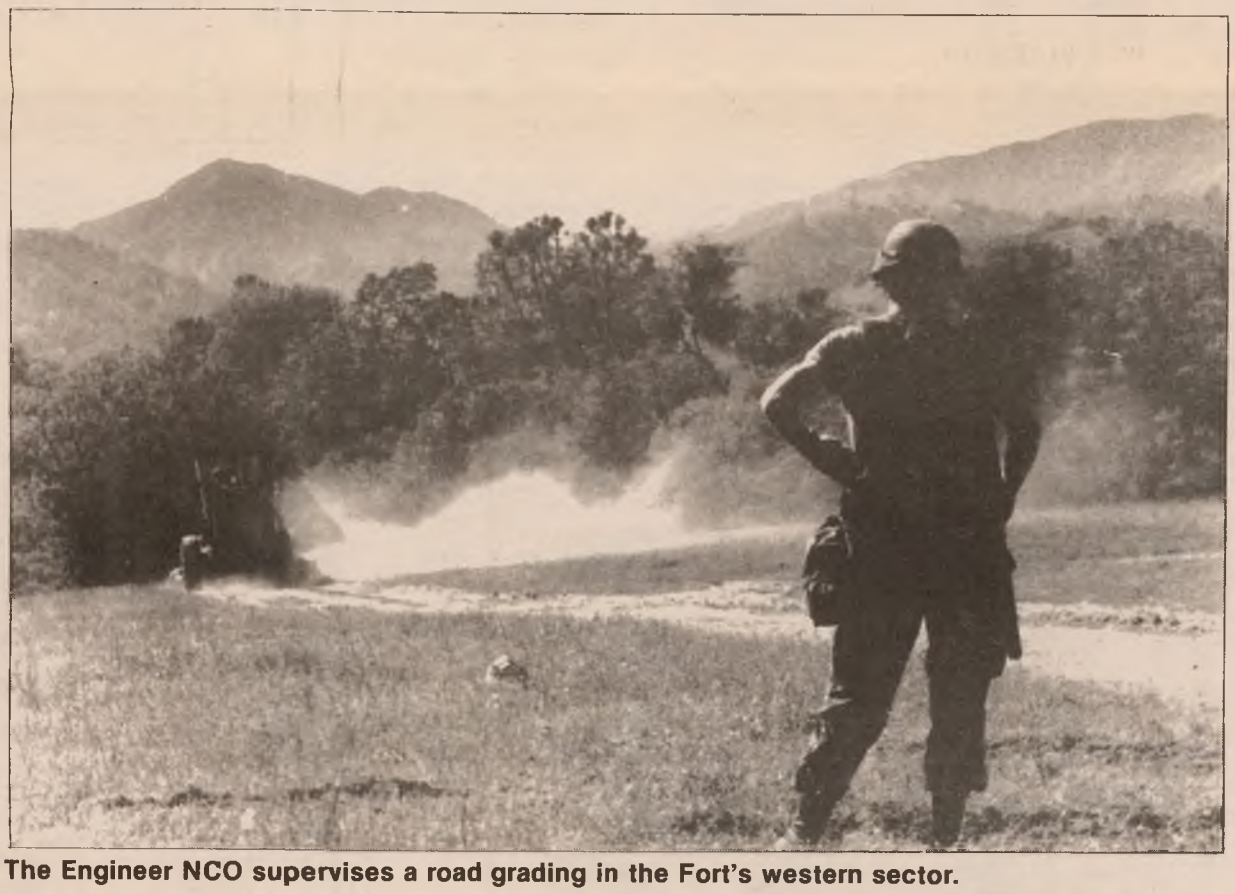
"The heat teaches you to do the job at one pace so you'll be alive when the job is through."



In the noon heat, a heavy equipment operator with the Engineers digs a pit.



Spec. Daniel Chesler, with Ceremonial Platoon, escapes the afternoon heat.



The Engineer NCO supervises a road grading in the Fort's western sector.

Lifeline

Child abuse—a legacy kids can live without

by Joel P. Smith

Bruises, broken bones and black eyes are inherited. You get them from your parents. And according to a social worker on post, a child who inherits injuries—even as the result of physical punishment—is being abused.

"Parents don't realize that their love and their relationship to a child puts them in a very powerful position," said Nancy Niederhauser.

"But you don't have to be mean to be powerful," explained Niederhauser, manager of the post Family Advocacy Program, under Army Community Services.

Niederhauser trains Presidio soldiers and families to avoid or detect child abuse.

Punishment

She said she believes there's nothing wrong with physical punishment, but that it should be limited and carefully considered first.

"You have to ask yourself what you're trying to accomplish with punishment and what the child can learn," she said.

"When you use punishment, are you teaching your child that some kinds of behavior are wrong, or that big people beat up on little people?"

Niederhauser said a parent who abuses a child is *teaching* child abuse. "How the parent treats the child is critical. That's the child's foundation for their relationship to the world."

Niederhauser said parents also need to present a positive image of their own relationship. She notes that children who are not necessarily abused themselves, but witness "parents beating up on each other," are more likely to become abusive parents.

She believes, however, that it's also unhealthy for parents to hide their differences. "Parents need to realize that it's OK to argue in front of their children, because kids need to know there are conflicts in the world.

"But they also should know that those conflicts can be resolved by talking about a problem, not through violence."

More than physical

Physical abuse is not the only kind of abuse children suffer from, Niederhauser said. They also suffer from emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.

Blows from emotional abuse leave scars under the skin. Niederhauser said an abusive attitude—one that attacks a child's character rather than his or her body—can damage a child's growth and development as a person.

That growth can be retarded, even distorted, by an abusive parent. "Kids can learn to identify with the aggressor," she said.

The child begins to envy the power of a bully. In trying to feel better about himself, the child may displace that anger, and look for someone to victimize.

"If kids are insulted a lot, they start to insult others," Niederhauser said. "They think to themselves, 'I'm gonna be like this mother who treats me like dirt.'"

"You'll never amount to anything," Maybe not. A child who is constantly described as a failure stands a good chance of failing, said Niederhauser.

His or her self-image will determine how he (or she) gets along with other children, how well he'll do in school, and how successful he is later in life, she explained.

Sexual abuse

Sexual abuse involves children in adult sexual relations—for which the child is not emotionally nor physically equipped, Niederhauser said.

"The abuser is teaching the child about sexual interaction before he or she has the psychological makeup to deal with it," she explained.

As a result, bright, outgoing children who are sexually abused may become excessively shy and withdrawn. They become distrustful of adults, and may develop severe emotional disorders.

"They lose pride in their bodies. They feel outcast, confused, unsafe with other people."

Niederhauser said if a child's body responds to the attention—perfectly normal, if the child is old enough—the child will then feel guilty.

"The child loses his identity and self-esteem.

Most sadly, they may become sexual abusers themselves, Niederhauser said. "Most people come by their problems honestly," she explained.

"A child molester may become fixated on children at the age he or she was abused." That person develops into a pedophile—a "lover" of children—because he can only identify with children, explained Niederhauser.

Neglect

Neglect is the silent abuse. Neglect is the "failure to provide" either food, shelter, clothing, or love.

Parents who don't meet the first three needs may lose their children in a custody case with the state. However, the last form of neglect—failure to provide love—is hard to prove in court, she noted.

Some victims of "love" neglect, primarily infants, may show a "non-organic failure to thrive," said Niederhauser. Though the infant is being fed and sheltered, he or she doesn't develop normally.

Withdrawing love and attention has been scientifically proven to retard children. Victims also may have learning or emotional disabilities.

Parents need to provide love and a safe, happy home for a child. Anything less threatens a child's well-being. For now, and possibly, forever.

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"What parents do in the home," Niederhauser concluded, "is teach children what families are all about." Someday the child will use those memories to raise another family.

For more information about the Family Advocacy Program at ACS, call **561-5057.** To report suspected child abuse, call the LAMC social worker at **561-2174** or the Military Police at **561-2251.**

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Soldiers

Parks Week flies by; USAG troops clean up

story and photos by Steve Morey

Parks Week 1989 meant sweat, hard work and long hours for 22 Headquarters Company, USAG soldiers from April 10 through 14. But five days of cleaning, assembling, lifting and digging at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) had its quieter moments.

"Bird's eggs. How about that!?" mused SFC Edward J. Cabezud, PRFTA operations NCO, as he reached for a bird's nest atop a dusty shelf.

Cabezud and half the USAG crew were inside an abandoned Quonset hut filled with dirt-covered steel frames, a disconnected water heater, hundreds of feet of wire, cable and steel rods, and boxes upon boxes of nuts and bolts.

Within "57 minutes," said USAG's SSgt. Sheldon W. Martin, detail NCOIC, the hut and surrounding area was picked clean by his troops.

All the while, the straw nest with two eggs inside lay undisturbed.

"Parks Week is like the Presidio's annual spring cleanup," said Cabezud, who also is PRFTA's NCOIC. "We don't have the bodies out here so we have the post soldiers come out and help us.

"We're just doing the maintenance we've been unable to get at all year round."

In addition to the soldiers' efforts, post Directorate of Engineering and Housing and PRFTA engineers took care of grass cutting, road maintenance, painting buildings and other major work.

Although not one of the company's more sought-after details, Martin kept the soldiers motivated from dawn to nearly dusk each day.

"Morale leads to motivation which means mission accomplishment—plus," explained Martin, who let the soldiers work to a radio's hard-driving rhythms.

The "plus" Martin mentioned was the soldiers' thorough sweeping and corner-cleaning of the hut which drew applause (literally) from Cabezud.

"If a unit likes coming here, they'll tell other soldiers at different units," explained Cabezud. "We can save units' dollars and training time—and that justifies Parks existence."

PRFTA, one of five Presidio subinstallations, is in Dublin, Calif., a 50 mile drive east over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. If the facility was not there, units would have to travel to Fort Ord, Calif.—nearly 100 miles from the Bay Area—to train.

While the "outside" group was busy, the "inside" crew attacked the billets. Led by Sgt. Gerald P. Gonzales and Cp. Cornelius C. Humphries, the soldiers unpacked and assembled eight-foot, 200-pound wall lockers and, along with beds, desks and dressers, arranged the furniture inside the living areas.

One soldier, who's been assigned to the Presidio for only two months, said she was enjoying her stay at PRFTA. "I volunteered for this detail," said Spec. Brenda N. Clark, who stopped for a breather inside bldg. 303.

"Compared to details I've been on at other units, it's been heaven here at Parks."

To others, it was all part of being a soldier. "Just doing my job," said Spec. William E. Albertson. "It's a nice break in the routine on post, but I've got a lot to do back at the office [Staff Judge Advocate]."

All 22 soldiers returned to their respective officers on post April 17, leaving a spruced up PRFTA in their wake.



From a pile of rubble rises PFC Julia L. Hunt with handfuls of unwanted wood.



PFC Allen C. Watson discards part of a 200-foot rubber hose into the dumpster.

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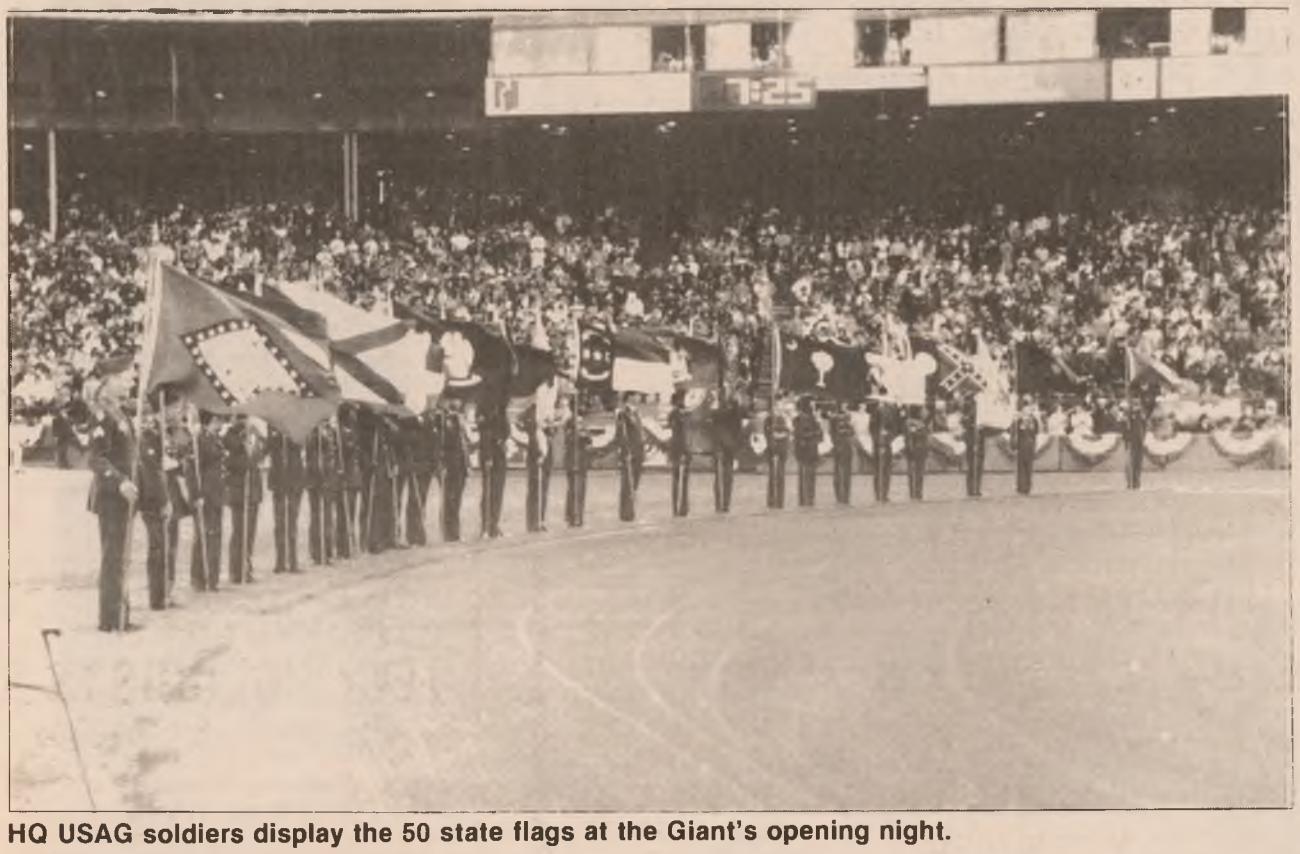
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Sports

'Batter up, Presidio!' It's opening night!



HQ USAG soldiers display the 50 state flags at the Giant's opening night.

story and photo by Herb Helzer

A large group of soldiers from the Presidio and Letterman Army Medical Center enlivened the Opening Night ceremonies for the San Francisco Giants at Candlestick Park on April 10.

The 50 Presidians, drawn from Headquarters Company, USAG, clutched state flags as they followed the LAMC Color Guard onto the playing field, braving swirling winds that threatened to rip the flags from their staffs.

"I felt proud holding my home state flag," said Spec. Julie M. Valley, who hails from Wisconsin. "I love baseball, and it was a thrill to be on the field."

The soldiers' participation was part of an overall celebration of the new baseball season, which included balloons, fireworks, San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh (who threw the first pitch) and a performance by The Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps of Santa Clara.

The ceremony and the game were broadcast on cable.

After the lineups were announced and the national anthem was played, the soldiers marched back the way they came. One bus returned non-baseball fans to the Presidio. The rest were given free tickets to the upper centerfield bleachers.

Sports Commentary

by Herb Helzer

The wind and the cold of San Francisco's Candlestick Park are legendary.

How windy does it get? Well, every time a cool breeze from the Bay enters the stadium, it suddenly becomes a raging, swirling vortex instead of a cool breeze, and starts going around snatching hot dog wrappers, plastic foam cups, peanut bags and the occasional baseball.

It's generally a good idea to look up once in a while, in case one of these projectiles is incoming.

How cold does it get? Long-time Giants fans dress for a night game at the 'Stick' like a champion musher would for the Iditarod (the 1,100-mile dogsled race in Alaska). Parkas and longjohns are common—all in orange and black, of course.

Presidians who attended the game after being part of the opening ceremonies April 10, certainly came to envy those pseudo-Aleuts for their foresight. In fact, most of them fled to the warmth of an Army bus *before* the game was over.

Which was too bad, considering the game was decided in a gripping ninth inning: Dodger Eddie Murray hit a grand slam, and the Giants loaded the bases in their half of the ninth, before Will Clark ended it by looking at a called third strike.

Opening Night was the first opportunity for fans to sample the new, improved Candlestick—the 'family-oriented' park that doesn't sell beer after the seventh inning, has televisions installed at the concession stands and features diaper-changing tables in the restrooms.

Although the beer-selling rule makes sense and brings Candlestick into the mainstream of major-league parks, the changing tables beg the question: Why would parents bring an infant into a cold, windy ballpark for a game the baby cannot possibly enjoy? But then, I've never tried to get a babysitter on a Monday night, either.

Nevertheless, for those who like baseball, Candlestick is the only game in town (the Oakland Athletics don't play in town, they play at the Coliseum). Whether or not the Giants are contenders, major league baseball is still major league baseball.

At Candlestick Park, the baseball climate is ideal, even if the actual climate is not.



AUSA member, Greg Bognuda, sends this putt toward the first hole for a birdie.

AUSA tourney golfers tee off

story and photo by Steve Morey

Two post soldiers were part of a four-man team which won the eighth annual Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Golf Tournament on April 7.

Mike Stumpo and Mark Gordon, from Letterman Army Medical Center, joined Jim Andrews and Corbin Cherry to shoot a best-ball 66 at the Presidio Army golf course.

The LAMC golfers also were part of the 1988 first place team.

The tourney, which featured 140 AUSA golfers from as far away as New York and Washington, D.C., honored Sixth U.S. Army's NCOs of the Year.

AUSA's San Francisco chapter sponsored the outing, which opened with a shotgun start a 12:30 p.m. Each of the 35 four-member teams began and ended their 18 holes of golf at the same hole.

The golfers couldn't have asked for more splendid weather that afternoon. The skies displayed a brilliant field of blue, and the ever-present Presidio winds made each shot a challenge.

The day's activities included a luncheon and a post-tourney awards ceremony in the Presidio Golf Club.

Editor's note: *Star Presidian staff journalist, Joel P. Smith, contributed to this article.*

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Community Calendar

YA fashion show

Youth Activities (YA) is sponsoring a fashion show at the post theater Saturday at 4 p.m. to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Clothes will be provided by the Post Exchange and a local store, and will be modeled by YA teens and pre-teens. The cost is $3 for adults and $1 for youths younger than 12 years old.

Passover festival

The Jewish Festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days. This year it began at sunset, April 19.

Passover, the Spring Festival, celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It is a joyous family holiday and is rich in story, symbolism, and ritual. Above all, it calls attention each year to the yet unrealized dream of freedom for everyone.

To celebrate this Festival, Seder services with dinner will be held in homes and in synagogues. For information call Ruth Callmann at **561-4397**.

Volunteer alert

The Chaplain's office needs volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, call **561-3474** or **561-2351**.

Free baseball tickets

Good news for military baseball fans! The USO has arranged free admission to Giants games, Monday through Friday. Show your active duty I.D. at Candlestick's box office.

The Oakland A's will sell half-price tickets at the Coliseum box office with your active duty I.D. to all games. The A's also give USO free tickets to distribute among the military community. To place your name on the list, call **561-2436**. The USO is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATO travel news

SATO Travel has a great airfare to London during the peak travel time of June. They are offering two departures: June 14 and 21. The cost is $699 with departures from Los Angeles or San Francisco to London-Gatwick airport. There are easy transfers from Gatwick to Victoria Station for fast transportation to anywhere in London. This is a great deal, so you must act fast to get these seats.



photo by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Up, up and away!

Presidian Jessie Webb eyes his balloon just before launching it, April 12 at the Child Development Center's kick-off celebration for the Month of the Military Child.

ITT trips

Tahoe trip. Take off to Tahoe on the weekend of May 6 and 7. You'll leave early on Saturday so you can have plenty of time for your favorite Tahoe fun! The cost for this overnight trip is $35 a person, double occupancy. A small deposit will reserve up to two spaces.

Mendocino weekend getaway. Mendocino is a New England style village, rising on the headlands above the Pacific. It is an artists' colony and strollers' paradise. There are many art galleries, unique shops and restaurants. ITT/Arts is offering transportation and deluxe accomodations for $60 a person on the weekend of June 17 and 18.

Sesame Street Live tickets. Call ITT for the exact date that the May 6, 3 p.m. tickets go on sale. The cost is $8 for the Cow Palace performance.

For information about these events call or visit ITT, bldg. 215 at **561-3992**.

Army art contest

The Arts and Crafts Center, bldg. 122 will host the Presidio art competition June 17. All amateur and experienced artists are invited to enter. The contest is open to soldiers, (active duty and reserve), family members, retirees and DoD civilians. The competition is divided into five categories: drawings, prints, water base painting, oil base painting and mixed media. Entries must be original, and completed within the last two years.

Entry forms are available at the Arts Center. Judging will be based on originality, design, technique and appeal. The deadline for submission is June 15. Winners will be photographed and slides will be sent forward to the FORSCOM competition to be held at Fort Lewis in July. Cash prizes will be awarded to each level of competition. For more information call **561-ARTS**.

Education Center

WordPerfect 5.0. Wordprocessing can save you hours preparing and revising correspondence and reports! WordPerfect 5.0, the newest version of one of the most popular wordprocessing programs, will be taught at the Army Education Center, bldg. 1216, May 1 to June 5, Monday and Wednesday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The course is free for active duty soldiers, who have priorty for enrollment, and Department of the Army civilians. For more information, call the Fort Scott Education Center, **561-2974** or **561-4445** or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791**.

Proofreading and Editing. Having problems catching errors in your correspondence before it leaves the office? The Army Education Center's Proofreading and Editing workshop is approprate for writers, clerks and supervisors. It will meet May 4 through June 1, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m. and will include topics such as common writing errors, correction symbols and use of reference materials.

POWC luncheon

The last POWC luncheon of the season will be May 4, at the Officers' Club. POWC board members will be the hostesses. Two important events will be taking place; the installation of the new Board members, and the presentation of scholarships. The entertainment will be a light-hearted "Comical Thrift Shop Fashion Show," and should be a lot of fun. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. and luncheon will be served at noon. Make reservations by noon, May 1, and cancellations by noon, May 2, by calling Geri Margetts at **563-9807**.

Army-Air Force Mutual Aid

The Army-Air Force Mutual Aid Association will hold a meeting in the post theater May 9 at 2 p.m. The guest speaker, Chester J. Bobinski Jr., is the senior vice-president of the organization. He will discuss veteran's benefits, survivor's benefits program and information about life insurance policies and documents needed for estate planning. For more information, call **561-3660**.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, April 20: Tap (PG-13), 7 p.m. Gregory Hines, Sammy Davis Jr. An old man brings back the art of tap dancing by using the talents of a discouraged ex-con.

Fri, April 21: Tap (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, April 22: The Fly II (R), 7 p.m. Eric Stoltz, Daphne Zuniga. A young man inherits the horrifying legacy of his father's mutated genes that transform him into a fly.

Sun, April 23: The Fly II (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, April 24: The Fly II (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, April 25: High Spirits (PG-13), 7 p.m. Steve Guttenberg, Daryl Hanna. Deperate to attract American tourists, the owner of a run-down Irish castle has his staff masquerade as ghosts to liven up the premises.

Wed, April 26: Child's Play (R), 7 p.m. Catherine Hicks. Chris Sarandon. A vicious killer, dying in a toy store, transfers his spirit into a doll to wreak revenge on the detective who shot him.

Thu, April 27: Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects (R), 7 p.m. Charles Bronson.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, April 21:	Running on Empty (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat, April 22:	Doctor Doolittle (G)	1 p.m.
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News Briefs

Spring clean-up

Spring clean-up is Monday through May 7. During clean-up week, the post Self Help Center will only be open to issue tools and equipment for area residents. Follow the schedule below to find out when your area is to be cleaned. All tools must be turned in to the Center by 5:30 p.m. on the day issued.

May 1: Areas 1 to 100; 300; 700 and 1,500;
May 2: Areas 400; 500 and 800;
May 3: Areas 900; 1,000 and 1,200;
May 4: Areas 1,300; 1,400; 1,700 and 1,800;
May 5: Fort Barry; Fort Mason; Fort Baker areas 500; 600 and 800.

Staff ceremony

The Family Support Division will honor all staff of Child Development Services, Army Community Service and Youth Activities during a special appreciation dinner and recognition ceremony at the NCO Club, tomorrow from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Appreciation ceremony will end the Month of the Military Child celebration.

CDC and YA parents are invited to participate and extend appreciation to Family Support Division Staff. For more information call Gloria Hartsough at 561-3701.

Blue Cross, Blue Shield

Betty Canady-Conner, a Blue Cross, Blue Shield representative, will be on post May 4. She will be available from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37, to talk with Presidians who have questions or problems with their policies. Anyone wishing to see her should bring all paperwork relating to his or her problem. Call Diane Nishimoto at **561-5757** to make an appointment.

Retirement ceremony

The monthly retirement ceremony for May is changed to May 18. Soldiers eligible for retirement who wish to participate in the May retirement ceremony should call the PSF Retirement Services at **561-3183** or **561-2721**.

Burger King opening

The grand opening of the post Burger King will be today at 10:30 a.m. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and give-aways. Lunch will then be served!





photo by Chuck Blancet

The Presidio, with its historic buildings and sought-after views, is one of 86 military bases recommended for closure.

Congress supports closure plans

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

The House of Representatives defeated a proposal that would have kept the Presidio and 85 other military bases from closing. Congress voted April 18 not to disapprove the recommendations of the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. The vote, 381 to 43, shows support of the Secretary of Defense's approval of the plan.

The future of the Presidio remains uncertain at this time.

The Presidio's three member Base Realignment and Closure Task Force is now working out a plan for the Army to leave this post. Working on a "worst-case" scenario, the team is putting together what is known as a "base case." In a base case plan the Army leaves the Presidio entirely. However, the base case is being used for planning purposes only, emphasized Thomas P. Galvin, a member of the study team.

One of the difficulties the task force faces is that the closure commission gave specific instructions about only three of the Presidio's units: Sixth U.S. Army, Letterman Army Medical Center and Letterman Army Institute of Research. The other agencies—and there are more than 30 of them—were not addressed in the report. It is therefore up to the task force to find out the best way for the Army to proceed in moving or deactivating the other agencies (only USAG is scheduled to be deactivated).

According to Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer, Charles J. O'Brien, when working with such a massive project, it will take time to make decisions about where agencies should go, how funding for their relocation will be obtained and what will happen to the soldiers and civilian employees.

O'Brien urges all Presidians to "stay calm and act rationally." He stresses that things will not happen overnight. In fact, many of the larger units—such as Sixth U.S. Army—may be on the Presidio through 1994.

The reason the study team has been working on a base case is not that this is the most likely route—a total Army exodus—but, according to Galvin it will save time. For example, if the team

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Voices

Get the facts; DoD explains drug testing

by Evelyn D. Harris

You're not a drug abuser. But when you found out that you are in a testing-designated position, you definitely became nervous.

Terror is an accurate word to describe your feelings when you were told to go to the lavatory for your drug test. After all, you've read the stories about people whose careers were ruined by a false positive on a drug test. You've heard that if you take prescription drugs or over-the-counter allergy pills or even if you eat poppyseed bagels, you'll test as positive as a hardened addict.

Calm down. According to Navy Cdr. John Irving, "If you are not abusing illegal drugs, you have no reason to fear the tests." He is acting chief of the Drug Testing Section, Office of Workplace Initiatives at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The Department of Defense uses only military and certified civilian drug-testing labs. To ensure accuracy, DoD regularly sends special coded "dummy" specimens through them. If a lab comes up with even one false positive on the dummy specimens, it loses its certification.

DoD drug screening involves a two-step process. The first is a screening test, where specimens are analyzed to indicate the presence of drugs. Specimens that test positive in the screening phase are retested to confirm beyond doubt that the urine does contain the drug in question. The second test involves a procedure called gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. Using it, the possibility of obtaining false positives is virtually eliminated. In fact, the results of urine tests using these procedures have been accepted and sustained in the federal courts.

Job applicants and a percentage of DoD civilian employees in testing-designated positions are being screened for THC (the active ingredient in marijuana), cocaine, PCP, opiates and amphetamines. Unless an individual agency wants to do so, there will be no test for barbiturates.

Irving said that certain over-the-counter drugs could produce a false positive in the initial screening. These drugs include some antihistamines and Vicks-brand inhalers. However, recent improvements in the screening test have reduced the likelihood of this happening, and the more accurate second test, the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry, usually eliminates the problem.

However, as a safeguard, the medical review officer will talk to individuals who test positive before their agency is notified of the results. During the interview, the individual can demonstrate that the positive finding is due to a valid prescription or an over-the-counter drug. If so, the result is sent back to the agency as negative.

Eating poppyseeds—even in normal amounts—can result in a positive screening. Therefore, positive readings for opiates are routinely retested to look for a metabolite found only in heroine. As a further protection, the medical review officer is required to verify other clinical evidence of drug abuse before the individual's opiate-positive results are sent back to the agency.

Music fans have nothing to fear either. Irving said the detectable cutoff level for THC is such that the specimen from a person attending a rock concert or being in a room where marijuana has been smoked would not come up positive in a drug test.

Drinking an herbal tea called "Inca" could result in a positive test for cocaine. The tea has been off the market since 1987 and is prohibited in the United States because it is made from the coca leaf. However, said Irving, if someone "found some in the attic" and drank it, the medical review officer could determine if that was the cause of the positive test.

"The amount of cocaine in the urine from drinking herbal tea would be very low, and the individual's sample would probably be declared negative. But if there was a high level, the officer wouldn't buy it—the test result would be positive," said Irving.

You may have heard that drug tests discriminate against blacks because they mistake melanin, the substance responsible for skin pigmentation and present in urine, for marijuana. Scientists have been unable to replicate the research that was responsible for this concern and thus have concluded that is was faulty. The conclusion: Testing will not mistake melanin for marijuana.

What if you're not afraid of a false positive but are offended by an "invasion of privacy?" You can lay that concern to rest as well. "There will be no direct observation of civilians while they are giving their sample," said Irving.

On post, many soldiers who test positive for drugs are referred to Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Control for counseling and, if possible, rehabilitation. ADAP can offer assistance to Presidians who need help giving up drugs. For information, call **561-2528**.

Editor's note; A March 16 Star Presidian *article explored drug abuse on post. This article tries to dispell the fears some Presidians may have about the drug testing process.*

American Forces Information Service

Ramblin' Sam

"How do you feel about the base closure plan?"



Jackie Connell, cashier, Main Post Exchange: "I don't think it's fair. This is the best base around the whole world. It's beautiful and it's got a lot of nice things on it."



SFC Leroy Kramer, operations sergeant, Headquarters Command Battalion: "I think it's unfortunate, but if it'll give them money and keep the budget in line, it will help."



SFC Mike Parsons, assistant operations sergeant, Sixth United States Army NCO Academy: "It doesn't bother me as long as it's turned into a park. As long as the cannabilistic developers don't get hold of it."



Francisco Da Costa, clerk/typist, Civilian Personnel Office: "I feel very sad about the base closure. The Presidio has played an important role in the history of San Francisco, and I feel sad seeing that history come to an end."

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were only working on a plan for half of the Presidio tenant activities to move and it was later decided by Forces Command (FORSCOM) or the Department of the Army (DA) that all agencies should leave, the planning would have to begin all over again. To avoid wasted effort, the base case is now being devised.

The first step in the base case has only recently been completed: surveying the units and people on post. Now the team is working on a "migration plan." The completed migration plan will tell the post who goes where. The members of the task force will give their recommendations to FORSCOM and DA for final approval.

According to O'Brien, what Presidians must keep in mind is that none of this planning and moving will take place quickly. Some of the larger units are expected to move to locations where no buildings exist to house them. This means that until money is budgeted for construction and the facilities are completed, no one is going anywhere.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission report gives the Army from Sept. 1991 to Sept. 1995 to accomplish all of the recommendations outlined. Therefore Galvin predicts that some units may be on the Presidio for another five years.

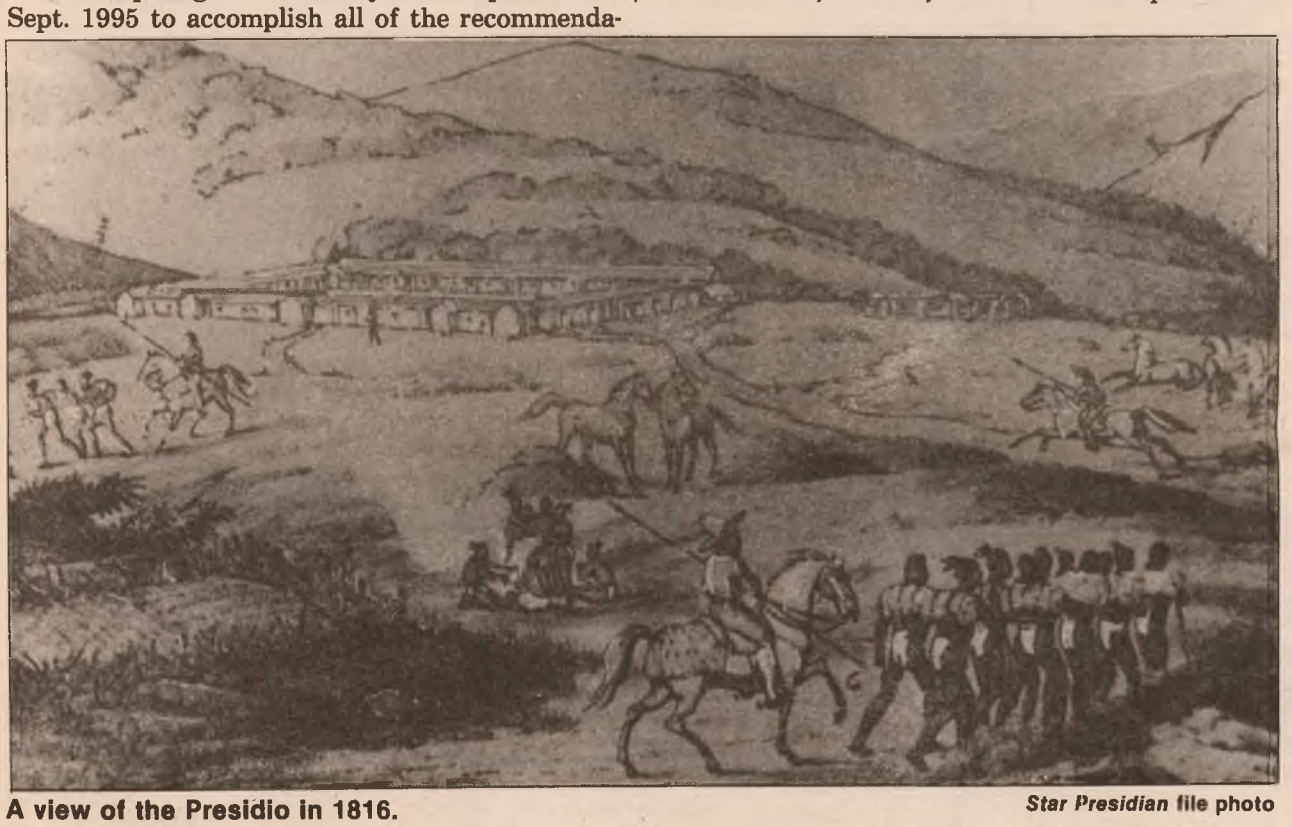
This may calm some Presidians who may have wondered how soon they would receive transfer notices. O'Brien points out that probably most Presidio soldiers will complete their tours before their units are scheduled to leave.

As for the civilian workers, he echoes the words of former Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci in saying, DoD will make every effort to find jobs for displaced people and will give them priority placement rights.

Although few things are certain yet, O'Brien stresses that "it is the mission of the command and the public affairs offices to keep military, civilians and family members as current as possible on what is going on."

"We are committed to providing factual information," he emphasized.

Editor's note: *The* Star Presidian *will be publishing weekly articles on base closure to keep Presidians informed of the latest developments.*



A view of the Presidio in 1816. *Star Presidian* file photo

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Soldiers Should Know

Hey soldier—so you want to be in radio?

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

In every unit that trains extensively in the field, there's at least one soldier who has never cut the umbilical cord. That's the Radio Telephone Operator—RTO.

"The field unit perceives the radio as a lifeline," according to Spec. Aaron L. Bedingfield.

Bedingfield, an assistant training NCO at Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, said, "If a unit doesn't have [communications] they feel cut off and isolated. It enhances the psychological atmosphere of a mission."

A RTO with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Military Barracks, Hawaii, Bedingfield said soldiers know a field radio is what gets them "beans, bullets and bandages."

SSgt. Thomas Hayes knows that only too well. An infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division in 1983, Hayes was in on the invasion of Grenada.

He said his platoon, patrolling valleys at the base of jungle mountains, had difficulty sending messages to its commander, miles away. With no lifeline to its commander, the platoon could not get resupplied.

Hayes, now NCOIC of USAG's Ceremonial Platoon, said that meant his soldiers often humped through the steaming jungle for days, relying on one or two canteens of water apiece.

He believes that it's every soldier's duty to learn to operate a field radio **and** use "field expedient methods" (applying common sense and ingenuity to solve a problem) to improve its range.

"Loss of communications can ultimately mean the loss of life," he said. "If you need food, water or medical assistance, it's the RTO's job to get them for you in the field."

In Grenada, to get a radio signal over the encircling mountains, Hayes' platoon sergeant tied a wire to bamboo stalks (more than 30 feet high), and connected it to the radio.

An example of a "field expedient method," the wire often "beat" the mountains and closed the gap between the solders and their base camp.



Spec. Steve. E. Shadwell, a radio telephone operator with Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, raises the antennae on his field radio.

"We didn't feel like we were alone anymore. Also we could afford to be [more aggressive] because we didn't worry about conserving food and water."

Sgt. Alan B. Cartwright, another assistant training NCO at USAG, said a good operator can save you, and a bad one can get you killed.

Cartwright said if an RTO holds down the mike—the button that allows you to speak—for more than three seconds, the enemy can pinpoint the transmission.

It works like this: two or more enemy units set up electronic listening posts at two or more sites. Each post, using a grid map, draws a line that follows the direction of the radio signal. Where the two lines intersect is where you live. That address, said Cartwright can be found in less than 10 minutes by a crack unit.

It is also where you can expect to be visited by artillary rounds.

To remain undetected, Cartwright said you have to make brief messages, or move your unit as soon as the transmission is finished.

Bedingfield said an RTO who doesn't understand how to authenticate a message—prove that it's from friendly troops—can betray his own troops.

If an RTO doesn't know radio passwords for the day, or when he is to switch frequencies, he can find himself taking directions from the enemy.

"If the enemy can get an RTO on his frequency, he can suck you into an ambush," Bedingfield explained. "They'll convince you they have the authority to make commands and order you to move into a place where they're waiting for you. Then they'll wipe you out."

Bedingfield said the RTO himself has to know good survival skills because "he's a primary target. He's the most informed guy on the battlefield because he's constantly in communication with higher [command]."

He said, "If the enemy has a chance, they'll take out the platoon leader, who usually is next to the RTO, and then get the RTO."

Despite the danger, and the fact that "it's [difficult] to carry," Bedingfield concluded he personally loves hauling the 22-pound PRC-77.

"The RTO is the guy in the know," he said. "The more access you have to information, the better your survivability chances are."

ACS offers tips for consumer protection

by Steve Morey

Consumers on post and throughout the nation are recognizing 1989 National Consumers Week, which began Sunday and ends April 29.

This year's theme, "Consumers Open Markets," focuses on consumers' powerful role in the nation's economy. Consumers have the ability to open and close markets, stated an Army News Service (ARNews) release, whether the market is the neighborhood supermarket or the world market.

On a more local level, the post's Financial Management and Consumer Affairs Program manager at Army Community Service (ACS) said everyone throughout the world is a consumer—even those people who make products for the market.

"One of our program's goals, now and throughout the year, is to let consumers know they have a resourse if they aren't happy with a product or service," explained Erick P. Davis, who also is ACS's assistant chief.

The program, said Davis, is primarily designed to help servicemembers and their families make educated decisions when buying products or using a service **off-post**.

"You could say we act as a military liaison between soldiers and off-post businesses," Davis said. "Unfortunately, very few people know about our consumer affairs program."

He added that Presidians can call his office at **561-5155** or **561-5057** if they have questions or complaints about an **on-post** organization.

"The Presidio [including the Post Exchange, commissary, Shoppette and the Military Clothing Sales Store] offers one-stop, on-post shopping where they can avoid the usually higher prices in San Francisco," said Davis.

To highlight National Consumers Week, Davis has a few tips for consumers.

He suggests consumers use comparative shopping. "When you walk into a store and see something on sale, automatically think, 'Can I get that cheaper somewhere else?' "

He also said Presidians should be educated shoppers, familiar with the quality, price and service of the product. Just like a soldier, said Davis, a consumer should pay attention to detail.

He added that consumers should be aware of "hidden" delivery and service cost, and urged shoppers to keep all product and service contracts and warranties.

In addition to Davis' advice, the Office of Special Adviser to the President of the United States two years ago initiated the "Consumers' Bill of Rights." The proclamation lists five "rights": the right to choice; the right to information; the right to safety; the right to be heard; and the right to consumer education.

Mike M. Stafford, Presidio's Post Exchange retail store manager, said the "Bill of Rights" keeps consumers better informed.

"Consumers are always asking, 'What can the product do for me?'" said Stafford, who added that all businesses should be attentive to consumer needs.

"A salesperson should have specific product knowledge and listen to what the consumer has to say," he added. "They want to get their money's worth. You don't dupe the public. You have to be up front in everything you say."

Said Davis, "The Consumers' Bill of Rights lets consumers know the government will stand behind them *each* time they buy a product or use a service."

"Your rights don't end when you pay the salesperson."

Soldiers help Bay Area prepare for earthquake

by Herb Helzer

The 'Big One' hit again at 2:30 a.m., April 18—precisely 83 years after the 1906 earthquake that struck San Francisco—'leveling' buildings throughout the Bay Area and 'injuring' hundreds of people.

This simulated 8.3 earthquake was the beginning of the 1989 Tri-Service Mass Casualty Exercise, which tested the medical responsiveness of 15 Bay Area hospitals, in cooperation with Army, Navy, Air Force and Veterans' Administration facilities.

At 4:30 a.m., nearly 400 doctors, nurses, paramedics and other workers from participating civilian hospitals began setting up to accept and care for 'casualties'—soldiers, sailors and airmen who were arriving at the Presidio for 'emergency treatment,' according to Robert C. Doney, plans officer for Letterman Army Medical Center.

The exercise scenario assumed that LAMC, would be unable to take any more causalties, so most of the 'patients' were evacuated by Army helicopters to Naval Hospital, Oakland and David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base. From there, they were triaged and sent on to civilian hospitals from Alameda to Sacramento.

The remaining casualties—soldiers from the Presidio—were taken by Army ambulances and buses to five San Francisco hospitals. "[This] training is for the civilian hospitals," said MSgt. Patrick M. Abella, NCOIC of the LAMC Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Division, which co-sponsored the exercise.

A twist in this year's exercise was an 'aftershock' at a patient sorting station set up to serve Kaiser Permanente Hospital and Mt. Zion Hospital and Medical Center. The second tremor required the San Francisco Fire Department and SFFD paramedics to 'rescue' some 30 casualties trapped inside, treat them and help move them to the hospitals.

In all, there were some 230 soldiers, sailors and airmen casualties. All of them were given their 'injuries' by Letterman soldiers using moulage—applying makeup and clay to simulate everything from broken legs to open skull fractures to sucking chest wounds.

"It was good old, direct, hands-on training," said MSgt. Emma Wilcox, NCOIC of LAMC Troop Command and a moulage volunteer.

After receiving their wounds, the casualties were carried on litters to the waiting evacuation vehicles.

"Our training is in loading helicopters and ambulances," Abella said. "Like typical Army medics, they always rise to the occasion."

"I feel like I've lifted two trucks and a car," remarked Spec. David F. Mills, a lab technician at Letterman, after his team carried some 20 patient litters.

"It's just like [Physical Training], lifting weights," added Sgt. Melvin A. Goode Jr., an administrative NCO for the Letterman command group and a teammate of Mills.

Experts estimate than an actual earthquake of 1906 magnitude would leave as many as 40,000 dead in the first 24 hours, and some 300,000 casualties would require some medical assistance.

In a real disaster, California Governor George Deukmejian would ask the federal government for assistance. Word would pass to Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, which would mobilize Bay Area military resources.

Exercises such as this one show how military agencies in the Bay Area can assist the civilian community in a disaster, Doney said.

Despite some problems with Bay Area fog that delayed some of the helicopters, "it was probably the best [mass casualty exercise] we've ever conducted," Doney said, after keeping track of the entire operation.

"The interaction between *civilian hospitals*, National Guard and Reserve units, the Navy, Air Force and the active Army has been exceptional," Abella said.

"I'm extremely proud of the NCOs involved in this operation."



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Moulage wounds are intended to simulate actual injuries



photo by Joel P. Smith

At the exercise, soldiers were handed an opportunity to see the post disaster plans in action.



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A moulager gives a sailor an injury at Crissy Field.

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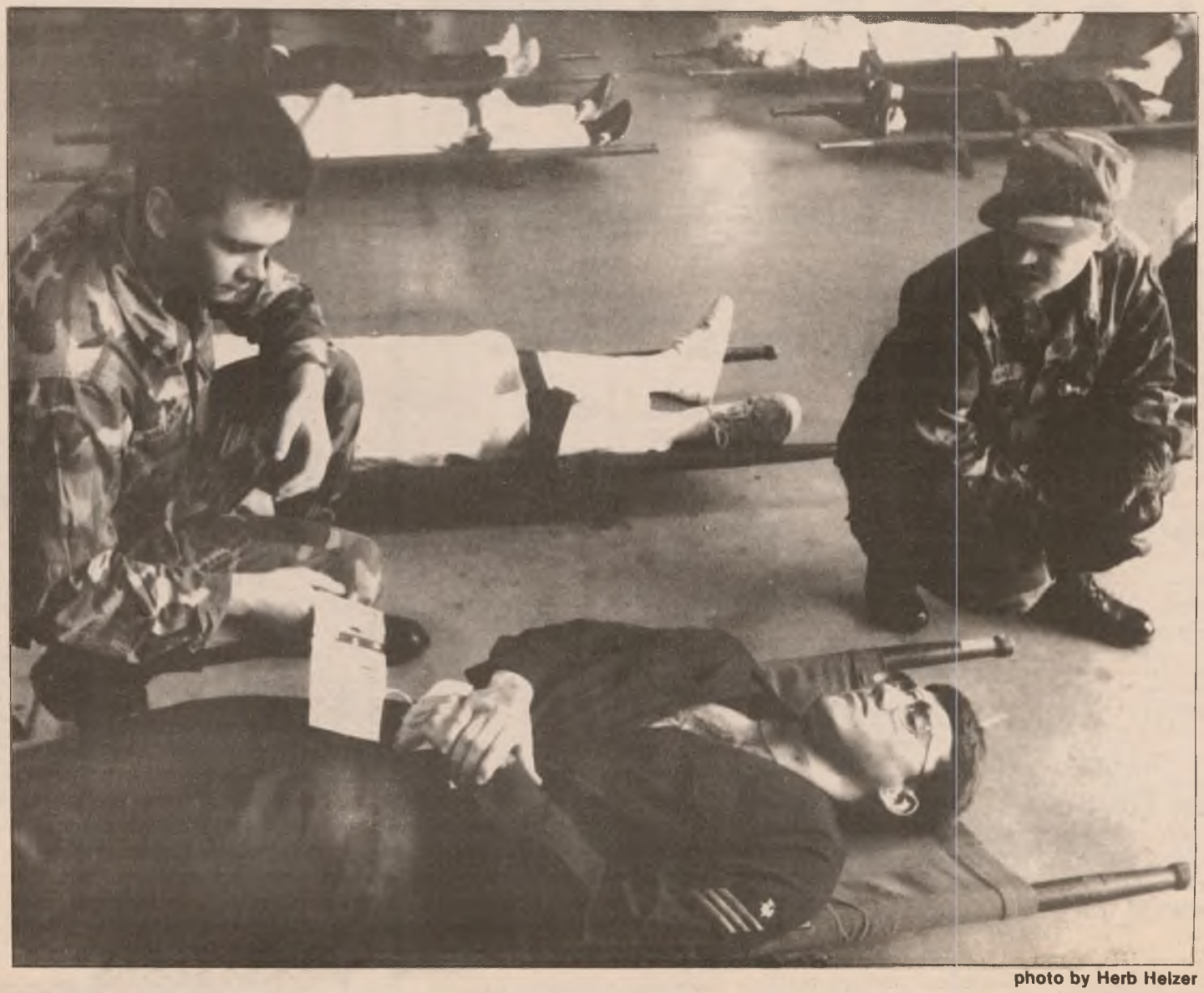


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Spec. Greg Waldron, a LAMC Medical Specialist, checks the tag on an "injured" Navy seaman. PFC Rhonda Reagan, who works in LAMC Outpatient Records, observes.



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A team of litter bearers from LAMC carry an "earthquake casualty" onto a waiting Chinook helicopter for evacuation to Naval Hospital, Oakland.



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Emergency workers from the San Francisco Fire Department and Mt. Zion Hospital and Medical Center treat soldier "casualties" from an "aftershock" that leveled a Branch Library used as a patient sorting station.

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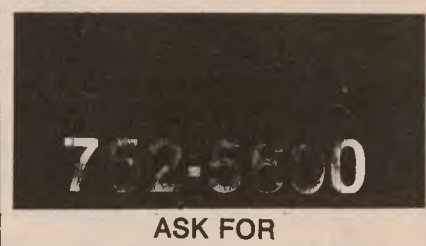
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Sports

Post volleyball heats up with two USACIDC wins

story and photo by Steve Morey

USACIDC remained unbeaten, 4-0, in the post Intramural Volleyball League with April 19 wins over USA Transition Point and Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion in Gym No. 1.

In the first match, Tim Refuerzo and player-coach, Sausoo Ito, keyed a 15-0, 9-15, 15-8 win over Transition Point; one half-hour later, USACIDC swept Company C, 15-12 and 15-1.

Against Transition Point, Refuerzo applied a steady first-game, net attack against Coach Alan Arthur's defense. "I like to be set up close to the net, about a foot away," explained Refuerzo, a 13-year Army volleyball player.

"Any further away and it gets hard to judge the ball as it comes down [for the spike]."

The first-game shutout led to a Transition Point, between-games pep talk by Arthur. "I told them that we can play better than this, to calm down and play our own game."

Arthur's squad came out and did just that. They controlled the ball on offense and denied USACIDC smashes at the net. When USACIDC did get any smashes over, the ball usually sailed out of bounds.

Toward the game's midpoint, Edguardo Velez's overhead serves kept USACIDC's defense off-balance and helped break a 6-6 deadlock. Transition Point used their opponent's unforced errors, outscoring USACIDC, 9-3, the rest of the way, to win the middle game, 15-9.

The rubber game started the same way. Transition Point moved the ball around while USACIDC struggled to regain their first-game touch.

After a 3-1, Transition Point lead, the USACIDC squad jumped to 10-6 advantage and control of the game. Transition Point's offense was unable to consistently hit winners; and their defense had a tough time with USACIDC's slams, which began to find the mark.

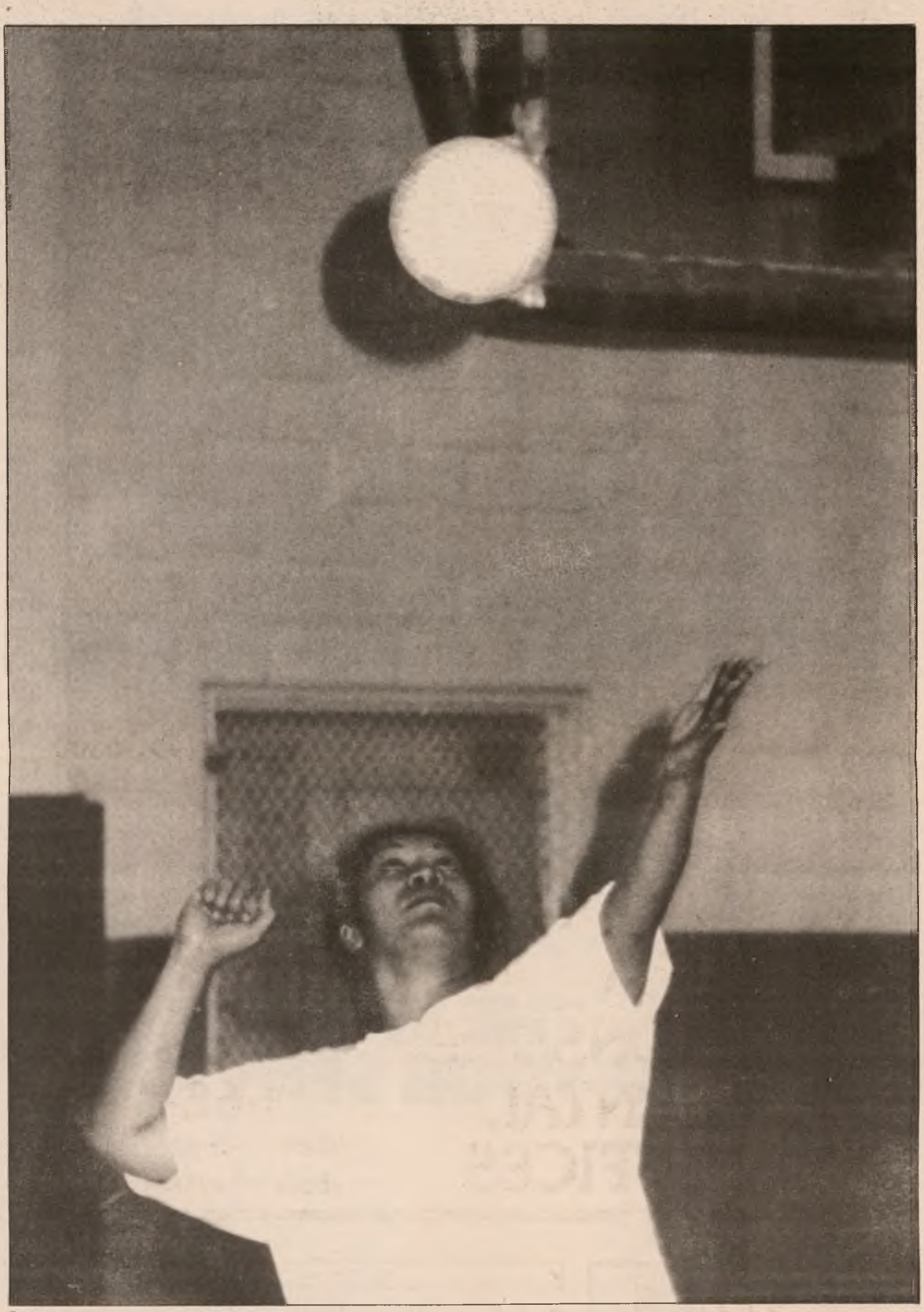
Said Arthur, "Our lack of fundamental play and too many unforced errors were too much for us to overcome." Transition Point's errors included the inability to return the ball over the net by the required three hits.

Coach Ito attributes his team's 1989 success to the two years his teammates have played together; but he said the team still to beat this year is defending champs, Company B, LAMC.

He, nor his teammates, seem to be worried about Company B. "Overall, our bench strength is better than LAMC's. This is what I call my 'All-star CID team.'"

Ito's wife, Ruta, also plays for USACIDC. She said it feels "great" to be a part of the team, one of three women on the squad.

"I think we'll win it all," challenged Ruta Ito. "We'll beat LAMC [Company B], that's for sure."



Ruta Ito, one of three women USACIDC volleyballers, sets her serve in motion.

Sports Notes

Armed Forces Day with the A's

The Presidio and other military commands in the San Francisco Bay Area have arranged for a special Armed Forces Day game, May 20, with the Oakland Athletics. Admission tickets are being offered at a discount ($3.75 instead of $7) for this 1 p.m. game with the Boston Red Sox. Anyone interested in attending should go to the ITT offfice, bldg. 215. Round-trip bus transportation will be provided; check future *Star Presidians* for details. For more ticket information, call ITT at **561-3992.**

FEB baseball night

The San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board invites Presidio Federal Employees to "Federal Employees Night At The Stick," featuring the Giants vs. Padres, June 9, at 7:35 p.m.

The game is coming up fast. For information, call Nikita Robinson at **974-0661.**

Free baseball tickets

Good news for military baseball fans! The USO has arranged free admission to Giants games, Monday through Friday. Show your active duty I.D. at Candlestick's box office.

The Oakland A's will sell half-price tickets at the Coliseum box office with your active duty I.D. to all games. The A's also give USO free tickets to distribute among the military community. To place your name on the list, call **561-2436.** The USO is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Movie passes

The USO has free movie passes for active duty soldiers and one guest for the United Artists screening of *Road House*, starring Patrick Swayze, Ben Gazzara, Sam Elliott and Kelly Lynch. The screening dates are May 2 and 9. Pick up your ticket at the USO, bldg. 223 (basement), Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hawaii!

Runaway Tours has a fantastic bargain for Presidians wanting a relaxing week in Hawaii. You may depart from Los Angeles, San Francisco, or San Diego. This is a great package that includes round trip airfare, lei greeting on arrival, seven night accommodations at the Waikiki Maile Court Hotel and transfers from airport to hotel. The cost is $449 a person for double occupancy. This prices is in effect through June 10, so book early for your best possible dates.

Golden Gate University

Golden Gate University is offering a *FREE* career options workshop Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will be able to:

- Talk with professionals in business, public administration and law who can tell you how to enhance your career options and opportunities in these fields.
- Learn how affordable a degree from Golden Gate University can be for working adults or full-time students. Financial Aid counselors will be available from noon to 2 p.m.
- Develop your "strategies for career advancement" at a one-hour seminar (noon to 1 p.m.)

The workshop is at the GGU campus, 536 Mission Street (between First and Second streets) in San Francisco. For more information call 442-7800.



photo by Steve Morey

'You have the right...'

His mind on other things, 16-month-old Joshua A. Mills' fingers get "printed" by Spec. Troy L. Parker from the Provost Marshal Office April 20 at the Child Development Center. Joshua, son of Presidio's Spec. David F. and Corine G., was one of the children who participated in the post's Child Identification program. Children also were photographed and their height, weight, and eye color was noted on permanent ID cards.

ITT trips

ITT's off to Great America. It's time for you to earn your wings. Take flight onboard Great America's newest thriller: Skyhawk! Transportation and an unlimited ride pass is only $19 a person at ITT for May 13.

Sesame Street Live tickets. Sesame Street Live tickets are selling fast. The show is May 6 at 3 p.m. at the Cow Palace.

Mendocino weekend getaway. ITT and ARTS is offering transportation and deluxe accommodations for $60 a person on the weekend of June 17 and 18 for a trip to Mendocino.

Reservations must be confirmed by May 17.

For information about these events, call or visit ITT, bldg. 215, at 561-3992.

Evaluation workshop

Bring your lunch and $5 for a workshop on May 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a discussion on the importance of evaluations and how to improve them. To make reservations or get more information, call Rudy Sanchez at 561-4321 or Diane Lemley at 563-6481.

Outdoor Recreation

This summer Outdoor Recreation will be offering several programs for Presidians to enjoy.

Deep sea fishing trips for salmon on May 20 and July 15, and September 9 is bottom (potluck) fishing. Cost is $42 a person.

Windsurfing is June 24 and the cost is $55 a person.

A canoe trip is set for July 29. The cost is $30 a person.

White water rafting is Aug. 19, the cost is $70.

These trips include equipment (in most cases), professional instruction and transportation to and from activity. To be eligible you must be an active duty soldier, family member, retired military, reservist or PSF DA civilian.

Sign-up/payment will be made through ITT, bldg. 215, 561-3992.

Asian/Pacific Heritage Week

The Presidio will observe Asian Pacific Heritage Week May 7 to 13. The theme for this event will be "Asian/Pacific Americans: Participation, Partnership, Progress." The post will host two events in honor of this observance.

On May 10, there will be a Chinatown walking tour. The bus leaves bldg. 909 and will make the following stops: LAMC Muni stop, in front of SJA, bldg. 223 and the Muni stop across from the Post Office. You must sign up if you plan to attend this event. Lunch will cost about $6.

On May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a luncheon will be held at the Presidio Officers' Club. The cost is $7.85 and the menu features broiled Mahi Mahi. The guest speaker will be Emerald Yeh from KRON-TV Channel 4.

Call 561-4602 or 561-3701 for more information.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop Saturday opening and flea market will be May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in bldg. 204. Bring a table, valid military ID card, and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an additional charge for extra space and no reservation is needed.

Reserve soldiers may rent vendor space upon presentation of their LES and military ID card.

POWC luncheon

The last POWC luncheon of the season will be May 4, at the Officers' Club. POWC board members will be the hostesses. Two important events will be taking place; the installation of the new Board members, and the presentation of scholarships. The entertainment will be a light-hearted "Comical Thrift Shop Fashion Show," and should be a lot of fun. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. and luncheon will be served at noon. Make reservations by noon, Monday, and cancellations by noon, Tuesday, by calling Geri Margetts at 563-9807.

Army-Air Force Mutual Aid

The Army-Air Force Mutual Aid Association will hold a meeting in the post theater May 9 at 2 p.m. The guest speaker, Chester J. Bobinski Jr., is the senior vice-president of the organization. He will discuss veteran's benefits, survivor's benefits program and information about life insurance policies and documents needed for estate planning. For more information, call 561-3660.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, April 27: Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects (R), 7 p.m. Charles Bronson.

Fri, April 28: Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, April 29: Police Academy 6 (PG), 7 p.m. Bubba Smith, Michael Winslow. This time, the bumbling police squad manage, in spite of themselves, to curtail a city-wide crime wave.

Sun, April 30: Police Academy 6 (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, May 1: Police Academy 6 (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, May 2: Wicked Stepmother (PG-13), 7 p.m. Bette Davis, Colleen Camp. An unsuspecting couple return from vacation to discover Dad has taken a new wife who just happens to be a witch with a talent for shrinking people.

Wed, May 3: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG), 7 p.m. Steve Martin, Michael Caine. A sophisticated con man who bilks vulnerable women out of their money on the French Riviera is threatened by a bumbling American who challenges his territory.

Thu, May 4: Cousins (PG-13), 7 p.m. Ted Danson, Isabella Rosilini.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	April 28:	Clean and Sober (R)	7 p.m.
Sat,	April 29:	Cinderella (G)	1 p.m.
Sat,	April 29:	Bat 21 (R)	7 p.m.

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Amended Army budget sent to Congress

Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney announced April 25 an amended Army budget is now before Congress. Congressional action may or may not involve further changes.

According to Cheney, the priorities established by the Army were maintained during the amended budget process for Fiscal Year 90 and 91. The amended defense budget of $295.6 billion was submitted to Congress on April 25. The Army's share of the Department of Defense amended budget submission is $78.8 billion in FY 90 and $81.8 billion in FY 91. This represents 26.7 percent of the Defense budget in FY 90 and 26.3 percent in FY 91.

Former President Reagan's budget submission to Congress on Jan. 9 had included a larger Army budget ($80.5 billion in FY 90 and $84.1 billion in FY 91). However, President Bush directed the DoD budget be cut by $10 billion in FY 90 and $9.9 billion in FY 91 as part of Congress' attempt to reduce the national budget deficit.

The Army's portion of this directed reduction is -$1.7 billion in FY 90 and -$2.3 billion in FY 91. This includes a reduction of 7,929 soldiers.

The priorities established by Army leadership are:

- Maintain essential force readiness, which includes having a quality, trained and supported ready force;
- Protect essential sustainability, address the Commander in Chief's highest priority needs and acquire only the most urgently needed facilities;
- Slow the pace of modernization which includes eliminating programs that contribute least to warfighting; and
- Minimize force structure impact.

According to Cheney, the amended Army budget submission will enable the Army to remain a capable, strategic, global force. Furthermore, the Army will maintain quality of life programs and essential soldier programs needed to recruit and retain quality soldiers and civilian employees. This includes a military pay raise of 3.6 percent in FY 90 and 3.2 percent in FY 91; and civilian pay raises of 2 percent and 3 percent in FY 90 and FY 91. These were part of the original Army budget.

Funding for training and major equipment modernization programs also were preserved to ensure a continued high state of readiness.

Highlights of the amended FY 90 and FY 91 budget are as follows:

The Army's active component end strength in FY 90 will be 764,300 soldiers and 764,100 soldiers in FY 91. (President Reagan had requested an end strength of 772,200 in FY 90 and 772,400 in FY 91.) The current end strength is 771,800.

This reduction of 7,929 soldiers will require the elimination of one brigade with its division support slice from the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo., by Dec. 31, 1989. The deactivation of the brigade will involve 3,312 spaces. The remaining active duty soldier cuts will come from the inactivation of the Pershing missile units under the INF Treaty.

The FY 90 end strength provides the smallest active Army since 1950, before the Korean War.

Army National Guard paid drill strength will be 431,836 in FY 90 and 432,286 in FY 91, while United States Army Reserve selected reserve strength will be 321,700 in FY 90 and 323,100 in FY 91. The number of civilian employees will be 404,225 in FY 90 and 403,985 in FY 91. This is a reduction of 645 from the original budget submission for FY 90 and 812 for FY 91.

According to Cheney, enlisted early release programs will not be required in FY 90 or FY 91 and promotions should continue at about the current rate. Essential enlistment and reenlistment incentives will be retained. NCO shortages will ease in FY 90. Administrative weight restrictions on household good shipments to Europe will be removed; soldiers and their families will be able to take their full weight authorization with them.

More information on the amended budget will be published as it becomes available.

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News Briefs

Outprocessing

Starting now, all soldiers required to outprocess must do so at the Fort Scott Education Center. Counselors will talk with all soldiers about their veteran's education benefits no less than 150 days before they separate from the Army. Education records also will be checked for possible tuition assistance payments.

Bay to Breakers

Presidians are invited to San Francisco's biggest street party—about 90,000 people came last year.

On May 21, post runners and Bay to Breakers fans will be given "control" of more than seven miles of San Francisco when they join the team of race volunteers. Traditionally, Presidians run the start of the race and help run the finish. It's a chance for San Franciscans to see the Army doing something good.

Volunteers get free race entry, T-shirt, jacket and other race goodies. To help, show up at one of the training meetings: Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the University of California at San Francisco, 333 California Street sub-level one; Wednesday at noon in the Sixth Army Conference facility, bldg. 35; or May 11, 7 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero (5 Embarcadero Center).

Team leaders also are needed. For more information, call Lt. Col. Timothy Gilbert at 561-2982.

Pretransition briefing

All soldiers honorably separating (though not retiring) from the Army during the months of May through August 1989 are required to at-

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CSM Rose Aguayo listens to soldiers' concerns following the Burger King grand opening on post April 27.

New CSM joins post team

story and photo by Steve Morey

Sometimes, the most simple aspects of soldiering can fall by the wayside. Keeping soldiers informed and listening to their concerns is a daily challenge for NCOs.

For Headquarters Command Battalion's first woman command sergeant major, communicating with soldiers is tops on her list.

"I like to talk with soldiers," explaines CSM Rose M. Aguayo, who assumed command sergeant major responsibilities in early March. "If soldiers have a problem, I'll do my best to steer them in the right direction."

She said an NCO can't improve a program or handle a soldier's concerns if the soldier doesn't

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Voices

Hey Ma, I'll be OK— really I will!

by Liz Greeley

Dear Mom,

No, I'm not going to be living on the streets in a carboard box.

For the last four months, I've been trying to tell my mother in Texas that I'm not going to wind up on the streets. From the day the Presidio appeared on the Base Closure List, these are some of the things she has worried about and asked me (many times):

• Can they [the Army] find you a job someplace else?

• If they can't find you a job in your career field, could they find you something else? If not at your present pay grade, what about at a lower grade?

• Could you go someplace else? If you can, could you move back to Texas?

I said "yes" to almost every question.

I tried to explain to her how many options there are in such situations, but she just groaned.

My mother is worried about me, and I understand it's almost a reflex reaction.

"Mother, I'm *not* going to *starve*!" I said irritably, in response to something she said. She said she was just worried about me and I apologized. (Yes, I know I'm an ungrateful wretch.)

Commanders and supervisors at all levels throughout the post have told me they're concerned about their employees. Every commander, first sergeant and supervisor I have visited on post, as part of my job, invariably has brought up base closure as an object of concern. They tell me their people want to know what's going to happen to them. I assure them as soon as we know something, the *Star Presidian* will print the information as soon as it can.

"When will it close?" my mother asks.

"OK, Ma, I don't know. *If* it closes, it won't happen overnight; in fact, they can't begin until October 1991. So I could be here on post until 1995 for all I know," I said.

"What will happen to your job?"

"Well, that will go with the Presidio," I said, "since I work for the garrison public affairs office."

"Can you get another government job?" she asks, panic-stricken.

"Yes! The Army will try to find one for me! You see, they have a Priority Placement Program, Mom. Under this program, they [Civilian Personnel] will try to find me another Department of Defense job. When a job in my career field comes open, the DoD (the Navy or whatever) has to consider me *first*, because I'll be on the Priority Placement Program 'Stopper List.' In fact, if I'm on a stopper list and qualified for the job, the agency **can't** hire someone else—they have to hire any qualified people off the stopper list first. If they have an opening I'm qualified for, and the determination is made that I am the most suitable employee within my priority group, and I want the job, they have to hire me."

OK, I didn't tell her there may be other, more qualified people in my career field ahead of me on that stopper list.

"But you could suddenly be out of job!! Then what would you do?!" my mother wails.

"Look, Ma, you just don't get a RIF (Reduction In Force) notice in the mail one day telling you not to bother coming to work on Monday," I said. "When a RIF is required, all Presidio employees will get a written notice 60 days before they're separated or anything else."

What I didn't know when we talked, is that Presidians can request leave to extend the notice period up to 90 days. If a Presidian *does* get a RIF notice in the mail, he or she also will receive detailed information about his/her status, options and placement program alternatives available.

"When will you know what's going to happen to you?"

"Mother, I don't know, but when I *do* I will let you know."

As a member of the Garrison Public Affairs Office, I also have a responsibility to inform the rest of the Presidio when we have some information.

My boss, and his higher-up, being professionals who are sensitive to what we call "command emphasis" (which means Presidio commanders are extremely interested in seing *Star Presidian* articles about this), plan more newspaper articles. Their goal is for a base closure article in every newspaper issue just as a *beginning*. Obviously, they know Presidio commanders and supervisors want their people informed about what's happening and what their employees' options are if the Presidio closes.

My personal feeling is that if I know what my options are, then I can make an intelligent decision about my future. As long as I have options upon which I can base decisions, I believe I'll be all right even if the Presidio closes. I believe that's true for all Presidians.

The Priority Placement Program "Stopper List," is only **one** option if the Presidio closes.

[Editor's Note: This is a simplified version of one option available to Presidio employees. Some employees may wish to retire; others might not find jobs with other agencies—even then CPD can help; others might move to other installations before they're even affected by a possible closure; and still others may work for an organization which will move elsewhere with the option to move with the organization. The Star Presidian *is committed to keeping all Presidians informed regarding all options available to them if the Presidio closes.]*

Ramblin' Sam

"What sort of an awad would you most like to receive?"



Kim Guess, military family member: "A loyalty award, because I've been a loyal person—to country and family—all my life."



SFC Vaughn Evans, Intelligence Training Active Army School, Sixth U.S. Army: "The Medal of Honor. It shows [bravery] above and beyond the call of duty. You've done more than your country would ask of you."



Spec. Debbie Cutshaw, administrations specialist, 902nd Military Intelligence Group: "The Meritorious Service Medal. People I've seen get the medal have been super NCO's. At my rank, I'd have to do something outstanding to earn it—like completely reorganize a unit."



SSgt. Kirk Lawrenz, Army National Guard Recruiter, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area: "An NCO of the Year type award. A lot of times the people above you and below you have more respect for you when you win an award like that. You get the same amount of money in your paycheck, but it's nice to have a pat on the back."

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Newspaper seeks closure queries

"Will the Presidio close? If so, when? And what will happen to me?" These are among the most common questions Presidians seem to be asking these days. The *Star Presidian* will be trying to answer everyone's concerns on base closure as quickly as information becomes available.

Because the *Star Presidian* staff may not have all of the answers to your questions, we will forward them to the appropriate offices. Their staff will be asked to give us the answers. So let us know what you'd like to read about base closure in upcoming articles. Just fill out the coupon and send it to: *Star Presidian* editor, Garrison Public Affairs Office, bldg. 37.

We will do our best to answer all your questions in the months ahead. Please do not telephone; our small staff is spending all its time writing articles, holding interviews and doing research. That means our calls almost always have to be answered by someone else. Thanks.

I am ☐ military ☐ civilian.

My three biggest concerns regarding the Presidio being on the base closure list are:

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2. _____
3. _____

Comments? _____

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tend the pretransition briefing to be held at the Training and Audio/Visual Center, bldg. 603 on May 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend. Topics include veterans' benefits, employment assistance and clearing information, and are designed to help soldiers make the transition to civilian life.

If you are separating within the next 120 days or will be taking transition leave before separation, this briefing is **mandatory.** For more information, contact the Military Personnel Operations A. C. Calica or Spec. Douglas Rogers at **561-2151, 561-3297,** or AV **586-2151, 586-3297.**

Fort Mason repaving

Due to a repaving project during the month of May, staff and visitors to Fort Mason will be parking in the Crissy Field Promenade area all month. There will be shuttle buses in the Crissy Field area transporting GGNRA people. Presidians should be alerted to this increase in traffic.

CPO Job Openings

Budget Analyst: 356-89(MG), GS-560-11, closes May 11.

Shorthand Reporter: 357-89(MG), GS-312-5/6/7, closes May 10.

Food Service Worker: 358-89(RJ), WG-7404-4, open until filled.

Housing Manager: 360-89(MS), GS-1173-9, open until filled.

Accounting Technician (DT): 361-89(MS), GS-525-7, closes May 15.

Supervisory Equipment Specialist: 362-89(MB), GS-1670-11, closes May 15.

Equipment Operator Lead Gen. Communication: 363-89(DB), GS-392-7, open until filled.

Contract Compliance Technician: 364-89(DM), GS-1107, closes May 17.

Secretary (Stenographer): 365-89(RJ), GS-318-7, open until closed.

Contract Specialist: 366-89(RJ), GS-1102-7/9, closes May 17.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs as VRA or 30 percent disabled veterans).

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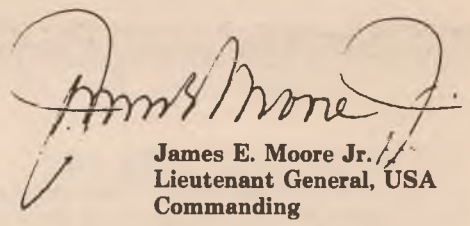
To all Presidians:

The Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco Savings Bonds Campaign will be conducted in May. When one of your fellow employees calls upon you, please consider how savings bonds can help you meet your future needs; then, sign up for payroll savings or increase your allotment. This is a smart way to save.

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James E. Moore Jr.
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio are holding the Savings Bonds campaign in May. Savings bonds are easy to buy, risk-free and the interest is not taxed for federal purposes until the bonds are cashed. In seven months, the income from bonds used for college expenses will be exempt from federal taxes, too.

Tucked into the Technical Corrections Act, a bill President Reagan signed, is this entirely new benefit. All accumulated income from the bondsd bought after Jan. 1, 1990 is tax-exempt as long as it is used for college tuition and fees. Many of the details are yet to be worked out, but here are the basics:

- Tax-exempt treatment applies only to series EE bonds. The income on bonds bought before Jan. 1, 1990, even if used for the same reason, still is taxable when the bonds are redeemed.
- The income is tax-exempt only if used for educational purposes by the taxpayer or taxpayer's spouse, or for a dependent. To qualify, you need to be at least 24 years old when you buy the bonds, a provision designed to rule out students as purchasers.
- Because the use of the funds is limited to a spouse or a dependent, grandparents cannot buy the bonds for their grandchildren and qualify for the tax-exempt feature. But grandparents qualify if they use the bonds to pay for their own education.

For more information, call Maj. John Costigan at **561-4048** (Sixth U.S. Army). or Lt. Col. Timothy P. Gilbert, **561-2982** (Garrison).

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Soldiers Should Know

Post NCOs fashion lifeline from rags

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

When MSgt. Benford A. Bennett in 1985 rounded a corner on a Honduran dirt road, leading to Palmerola Air Force Base, he found both steel and human wreckage.

That March 8 a lumber truck had slammed head-on into a civilian bus, wildly twisting the bus' rickety frame, and pinning four dead and 20 wounded inside.

With four military companions, Bennett, now the senior assistant ward master at Letterman Army Medical Center, began pulling victims from the hulk and applying crude bandages to the victims' wounds.

"We didn't have much to work with," said Bennett, who also has served as a combat medic in Vietnam. "We just took rags and whatever sticks we could find and made field dressings and tourniquets."

Bennett said the simple first aid measures "probably prevented them from having further injuries and may have saved several lives."

Having the knowledge to fashion crude bandages, when deprived of first aid equipment, is something Bennett feels has enriched his life.

"Duty to others is something we medics always feel proud about," he said.

"I think I've done something to prolong someone's life, and that makes me feel happier."

Bennett said all soldiers, not just medics, should learn how to use field and pressure dressings. Their application is often the first step in keeping someone from bleeding to death.

"Even in peacetime there are traumatic injuries to soldiers," he explained. "You may even have to apply a field dressing to yourself—and you never know when that time will come."

SSgt. Steven R. Tschetter, a military policeman, said responsive treatment can do more than just stop a wound from bleeding. "An open wound can get contaminated if you don't apply a dressing in time," he noted.

"That can lead to gangrene, and possibly the loss of a limb."

Alternatively, the wrong application of a bandage can do more harm than good. "If you tie a field dressing too tight," Tschetter explains, "you can cause a tourniquet effect. If that's done on a limb, that person's going to lose that limb."



MSgt. Benford A. Bennett applies a field dressing to SSgt. James Alexander, LAMC Emergency Room NCO.

Army manuals are purposely vague about how tight you should tie a field dressing, according to MSgt. Rodney C. Deese.

A senior enlisted advisor with the Sixth U.S. Army Branch Assistance Team, Medical, Deese said you should wrap the dressing tight enough to stop the bleeding, but not so tight that it becomes an accidental tourniquet.

The old method entailed tying the ends down with a square knot, under which you were supposed to be able to slip the ends of two fingers.

People wondered if that meant laying both alongside the wound, or if the fingers were supposed to be stacked under the knot, said Deese.

As a result, many of the soldiers tied bandages so loosely they wouldn't even stay on the wound.

Elevation of the injury, and the application of a pressure dressing, may be needed to dam the wound. Thus, you should not focus exclusively on wrapping the bandage tighter if the wound persists in bleeding.

Tschetter notes that if a soldier has an open wound and a fracture, the fracture must be splinted before the open would can be elevated.

Elevating an unsplinted fracture could cause the bone to sever veins or arteries, doing even more damage to the soldier, notes Deese.

Attitude toward this type of first aid, along with hands-on training, may decide whether someone lives or dies, concluded Tschetter.

"Take it seriously," he recommends. "The bandage you put on might save someone's life or limb."



photo by Ron Freeman

Maj. Ron Benton and Public Affairs Intern Sharon Everett re-create the early Presidians as they prepare for the 1989 Army Days historical Volksmarch through the Presidio. (Vintage1906 Artilleryman's uniform courtesy of Presidio Army Museum).

Army Days Volksmarch

by Sharon Everett

The Army is offering Presidians a unique opportunity to experience 213 years of history during the fourth annual Army Days on the Presidio.

Centerpiece to the two-day post celebration is a 10-kilometer (6.6 mile) Volksmarch on June 3. This walk around the Presidio includes stops at historic sites and homes where guides in period costume will re-create the life and times of early Presidians. The entire family will be able to enjoy band performances, refreshments, displays and drill competitions on the parade field.

The Volksmarch is for everyone. You can walk it, run it, bike it—you can even bring the dog, if it's well-mannered and leashed. There are alternative courses for handicapped Volksmarchers or for those with tots in strollers.

What does it cost? The walk is free. A commemorative medallion with a Golden Gate Bridge scene is available for $4.

The Volksmarch begins at 8 a.m., with the last walker out at 1 p.m. The first 1,000 finishers receive ribbons. Volksmarchers should complete the course by 5 p.m., after having plenty of time to re-live the history of the Presidio and visit the Army of today and tomorrow.

For applications, or for more information, call Lt. Col. Chagnon, Sixth U.S. Army, **561-4048.**

Lifeline

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communicate the problem to the NCO. Nine times out of 10, said Aguayo, the soldier will get the help he or she needs through the chain of command or at one of the appropriate post agencies.

Aguayo added the Army isn't just soldiers—it's family members as well. "Spouses and children play an *extremely* important role in their soldiers' lives—and vice versa."

Promoted to command sergeant major Feb. 27, this Lynch, Neb., native has been in the Army nearly 20 years. She came to the post via the Berlin Brigade in West Germany, where she spent almost seven years.

Challenges

Aguayo said her role at the battalion changes from day to day. "It's interesting—and very challenging. This position makes me appreciate first sergeants even more.

"But, for me, there's nothing better than seeing soldiers doing their job—and enjoying it!" she said with a wide grin.

Within the next few weeks, Aguayo hopes to complete her visits to the more than 700 battalion soldiers from Headquarters Company, USAG; Law Enforcement Company; Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion; and Sixth U.S. Army Band. She also makes the rounds at each of the soldiers' duty sections.

During her conversations with soldiers, the new command sergeant major uses a humanitarian approach to troop problems. "I ask them why they feel the way they do and why they are here [in her office]. I then help the soldier see the whole picture.

"Although their problem may seem isolated, the issue can usually affect many other things: family, their unit or responsibilities at their duty section."

Aguayo's eyes are always trained on the person to whom she's speaking, occasionally leaning forward in her seat to emphasize a point.

'Year of the NCO'

Aguayo talked about the Army's 1989 theme, 'The Year of the NCO.'

"My goal, and serious intent, is to ensure soldiers live up to Army standards, including their personal appearance and training—not just NCOs but **all** soldiers."

"I also challenge every NCO on post to take care of their soldiers **every** day and see what their soldiers' goals are," she said, gesturing with her open hands.

"Once that's accomplished, NCOs should then show soldiers how the Army system works and how to succeed in that system."

She also stresses that NCOs should put more emphasis on counseling soldiers, which includes providing feedback and "one-on-one, heart-to-heart" dialogues.

"If an NCO doesn't tell, or show, a soldier what's wrong, how can they fix it?"

Promotion boards

Since her arrival, Aguayo has supervised a battalion promotion board and a Soldier Of the Month board. She said she expects first-line supervisors to accompany their soldiers to these boards.

"I want NCOs to see how their soldiers perform and to rate the soldiers' strong and weak areas during the board," Aguayo explained.

"The NCO can then use the notes to provide important feedback to the soldier during the after action review." Aguayo also ensures the NCO personally tells the soldier whether or not the soldier made the promotion list.

She added, "I've noticed an interesting, and encouraging, situation. NCO supervisors are working with their soldiers in the hallway before and after each board."

According to Aguayo, preparing for promotion boards is critical for career soldiers. There are many ways a soldier can improve his or her promotion standing; but education, both militay and civilian, she said, is the most "critical" element.

When asked about women's roles in the Army, Aguayo explained her "firm belief" in **equal** treatment of all soldiers. "Female soldiers are no different than male soldiers—they both need the same advice and leadership.

"I won't tolerate men soldiers being treated differently than women soldiers as long as I'm the battalion command sergeant major."

Communication received—and understood.

Thrift shop volunteers double their pleasure

story and photo by John Willis

Volunteers at the Presidio Thrift Shop have a chance to earn something more precious than money. By giving their spare time to the Thrift Shop—which donates money to Presidio organizations—they also help make the Presidio a better place to live and work.

Located on Young Street, bldg. 204, the Thrift Shop gives military families the opportunity to sell items on consignment. Anyone is welcome to shop there for a varity of goods including furniture, household goods, pots and pans, dishes, jewelry and electrical appliances.

The volunteers label and display merchandise which is offered for sale by military families and reservists with current Leave and Earnings statements.

Assistant manager and 26-year Thrift Shop employee Adeline Michel said, "Some people volunteering to work here do so for the social life. Our volunteers come and go as they please, we don't pressure them. We want them to have fun."

Fun on the job and many friendships have kept Patricia P. Jensen on the job, despite living 60 miles away in Santa Rosa, Calif. Jensen, a former Presidio resident, said, "I can relate with the people here. We all have the military in common, and we're all good friends."

Besides providing a place to do volunteer work, the Thrift Shop funds many Presidio organizations.

According to Thrift Shop bookkeeper Karen E. Thomas, more than $6,300 has been donated to post programs this year alone, including: USO, Presidio Food Basket program, NCO of the Quarter and Soldier of the Month bonds, Boy Scout Troop 77, Presidio Cub Scouts, and child care for volunteers working at the Presidio.

Although the community benefits from the store, many soldiers make money through goods sold at the store. Thomas said, "More than 400 checks each month are paid to military ID cardholders who choose to sell their items at our store."

A volunteer for more than 10 years, Thrift Shop Board of Governors secretary Sandy Halsey said, "This place really makes a lot of money. When you think of the money we generate out of the 20 percent consignment (minus expenses for five paid employees, insurance, and operating supplies), this place does a lot of business!"

Although volunteers do the "hands-on" work at the store, Thrift Shop Manager Pamela E. Meyer oversees the store's operation. Meyer was bookkeeper for the Hanau Thrift Shop in Hanau, West Germany before coming to the Presidio. "The post at Hanau was much larger, but this store does *more* business. The retired community here, plus the public, supports the store and is largely responsible for its success," she said.

Meyer added, "We ask the store's patrons to be patient because the number of volunteer workers is constantly changing. Although we average about 50 volunteers per month, we can always use more help."

For their efforts, Thrift Shop volunteers receive Certificates of Appreciation signed by Installation Commander Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr. The also are invited to volunteer recognition luncheons held twice a year.

According to Meyer, the maximum price for goods is $300 and the minimum is $1.25. Also, a Flea Market is held from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month when patrons rent parking spaces to display their merchandise. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at **922-3384.**

When visiting the store, remember the workers there aren't paid the usual way—according to Michel, they earn satisfaction from donating their spare time to a worthy cause.



Volunteers tag and record consigned merchandise. From left to right: Renate Goff, Patricia P. Jensen, Nancy Reid-Johnson and Sandy Halsey.

Funston House



photo courtesy Presidio Army Museum

Gen. Frederick Funston, Commander of the Pacific, speaks to dispatch drivers in front of his quarters (now the Fort Mason Officers' Club) relaying orders to soldiers battling the post-earthquake blazes in 1906.

Victorian-era home creates living history

by Steve Morey

Imagine, a three-bedroom, three-bathroom home in the San Francisco area which cost only $2,550 to build.

The Victorian-era house is Presidio's Funston House, built in 1889 and listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. Although not for sale, the "Distinguished Visitors' Quarters" this year celebrates 100 years of housing senior military and government officials.

During Army Days 1989, Funston House will be one of several post historic sites visited by walkers during a 10-kilometer Volksmarch on June 3. It will be the first time the public has viewed the historic home's interior.

According to the Funston House manager, the house offers a haven of peace and tranquility. "The Funston House kind of grows on you—becomes a part of you—after awhile," said Sgt. Steven B. Daley, who's been working at bldg. 51 on Funston Avenue since Jan. 11.

"I come over each morning and block out everything else in my mind. It's peaceful. The first time I entered the house, I felt comfortable, like walking into my grandmother's house."

Daley, assigned to Sixth U.S. Armys Protocol, records reservations for guests, cooks breakfast for visitors, orders cleaning and food supplies, and performs minor cleaning and maintenance.

For Daley, the most rewarding part of the job is "the feeling I get when I cook for [visitors]. It's definitely a nice change of pace from cooking for 200 or more soldiers.

"Here, I get the feeling of working in a restaurant, cooking for six or so people."

On the other hand, Daley said there's a chore he likes less. At the end of each month, he must clean *all* the Funston House brass including chandeliers, candleholders, switch plates, most doorknobs—even the number 51 on the front of the house.

The New England barn-style, seven-room house has three separate suites: the Stilwell, the Krueger and the Hays, all named for Sixth U.S. Army generals who served during and just after World War II.

The rooms are adorned with antique furniture, ornaments and paintings reminiscent of the late 1890s. The dining room's wood floor sparkles and shines while most of the other floor areas are covered with decorative rugs.

The 2,470 square-foot, wood and brick house, and Funston Avenue, were named for Gen. Frederick Funston, who commanded San Francisco area troops at the turn of the century. During the Great Earthquake of 1906, Funston ordered his soldiers into the fire-ravaged areas of San Francisco to help prevent looting and to fight the hundreds of fires.

According to a Presidio Army Museum official, Funston is probably remembered by Bay Area residents as one of the greatest-ever Army generals.

"Funston saved the Western Addition of the city of San Francisco from being burned to the ground," said Ed Green, a Presidio Army Museum technician. Green was referring to Funston's orders to dynamite a stretch of Van Ness Avenue homes to create a fire break, which saved a portion of the city. Funston also opened the post to San Franciscans who needed food, medical care and shelter.

In the past year, the Funston House has been visited by more than 300 senior military officers and government officials. The guest register includes a Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., the current and former commanders of U.S. Forces Command, the U.S. Army Surgeon General and three Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army.

Daley stresses he must always pay attention to detail and "treat every guest like a VIP." One recent guest, the Commanding General of the Intelligence and Security Command in Arlington, Va., said Funston House is "just delightful."

Maj. Gen. Stanley H. Hyman and his wife, Rosalea M., visited post the week of April 24 and stayed in the Stilwell Suite.

"I especially was intrigued by the plumbing in the old fashioned bathrooms," said Hyman. "What's significant is that this house is a restoration, not just a re-creation."

The restoration of the Funston House, and renovation into a "Distinguished Visitors' Quarters," were completed in 1983. Milton B. Halsey, executive director of the Fort Point and Army Museum Association, said "The most striking feature of the Funston House is the way it's been preserved on the exterior and interior as it would look in 1889."

Next month, Presidians and post visitors also will be able to experience the history and tranquility of the Funston House.



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Inside the antique-furnished dining room, Sgt. Steven Daley sets the table for breakfast.

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Sports

Baseball, mom and apple pie—it's all here



A Bruin batter eyes the pitch.

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Several minors on post would like to "merge" with the majors.

In the post's Catholic Youth Organization Midget League, youngsters are learning the skills to do just that—play midget league baseball in a major league way.

"Their coaches are teaching them the important part of sports," said a Presidio Giants' mom, Alyson H. Vordermark.

"It's just a game and they should be having fun and making friends."

Her son, 11-year-old Matthew T., said even though he'd like to play major league ball some day, for now he's just making new friends and learning the fundamentals.

"Our coaches really help us," he said. "When we're at bat, they say, 'Just make contact. You don't have to hit it over the fence.'"

Assistant coach John Razel explained the coaches' philosophy: "We want everyone on the team to play, and get at least one good hit and one good catch.

"That's just so they'll feel good about themselves," he added. "It always helps when you win, but that's not as important as everybody making one good play."

The team this year has nothing but good to feel—they're first in a league of seven. In their last outing, April 22, the Presidio Giants romped over the St. Philips Bruins, 21-6.

But first they vanquished Stuart Hall, in their April 8 season opener, 15-11. Following was an April 15 rout of West Portal, 26-9.

Head coach, John Vigna, believes the Giants' success lies in their teamwork. "The kids in midget league ball are learning about synergism," he said.

"That the talents, abilities and energies that each player puts into a team [when summed up], are greater than the sum of the individual parts."

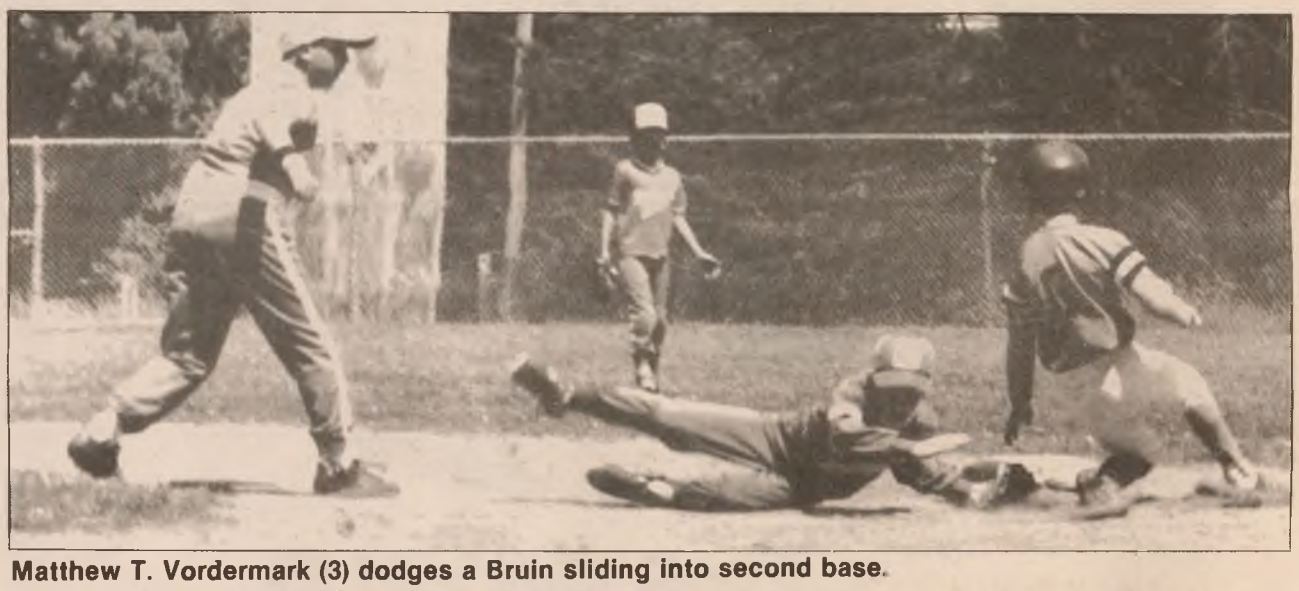
With that team concept, Vigna said, comes team spirit. When one Giant makes an error, other team members are learning to bolster him, rather than criticize, Vigna added.

"Mocking a player never helps a team," he explained. "It only hurts. That's the reason why we won't yell at the kids when they make mistakes; some can take the discipline, but others might melt right into their spikes."

Razel also believes strongly in the team concept. "I tell the kids, 'You can post the numbers, but you can't win a game by yourself.' "



Presidio Giant, Nathan Ayers, makes a snag at third base.



Matthew T. Vordermark (3) dodges a Bruin sliding into second base.



Giant's catcher James Mesite readies for the pitch.

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Community Calendar

Armed Forces Day with the A's

Tickets are still available at ITT for the May 20 game between the Oakland A's and Boston Red Sox. The upper reserve seats are available to Presidians at a discount, $3.75 instead of $7.

Buses will be at the Centennial Tree before 10:30 a.m. to take the first 150 Presidians to and from the game. Reservations will not be taken for this service; it will be strictly first-come, first-served basis.

Asian/Pacific Heritage Week

The Presidio will observe Asian Pacific Heritage Week Sunday through May 13. The theme for this event will be "Asian/Pacific Americans: Participation, Partnership, Progress." The post will host two events in honor of this observance.

On Wednesday, there will be a Chinatown walking tour. The bus leaves bldg. 909 and will make the following stops: LAMC Muni stop, in front of SJA, bldg. 223 and the Muni stop across from the Post Office. You must sign up if you plan to attend this event. Lunch will cost about $6.

On May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a luncheon will be held at the Presidio Officers' Club. The cost is $7.85 and the menu features broiled Mahi Mahi. The guest speaker will be Emerald Yeh from KRON-TV Channel 4.

Call **561-4602** or **561-3701** for more information.

Army-Air Force Mutual Aid

The Army-Air Force Mutual Aid Association will hold a meeting in the post theater Tuesday at 2 p.m. The guest speaker, Chester J. Bobinski Jr., is the senior vice-president of the organization. He will discuss veteran's benefits, survivor's benefits program and information about life insurance policies and documents needed for estate planning. For more information, call **561-3660.**

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop Saturday opening and flea market will be Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in bldg. 204. Bring a table, valid military ID card, and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an additional charge for extra space and no reservation is needed.

Reserve soldiers may rent vendor space upon presentation of their LES and military ID card.



photo by Steve Morey

Have it your way

Spec. Paul M. Taylor, from Headquarters Company, USAG, enjoys a burger and the view inside the post Burger King on April 27 following grand opening ceremonies. Taylor was one of nearly 400 visitors to the fast-food franchise, formerly the post cafeteria.

Walk through the Bible

The post Chaplain's office is offering an opportunity for Presidians to get to know the Old Testament. A one-day walk through the Bible seminar will be held May 13 at the Post theater. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $10 a person. Child care will be provided for children 2 years old to 3rd grade. For information, call the Post Chapel, **561-4719.**

USO volunteers

The USO of Northern California will hold its annual luncheon honoring 200 volunteers on Sunday, at the New Pisa restaruant in North Beach. Former USO volunteers at any USO are welcome. Hosted by the Board of Directors, this event will recognize the volunteer contribution of more than 13,700 hours of service during 1988!

Golden Gaters

The Presidio Golden Gaters (an Over 40's Single Social Group) will host a "Farewell" party for Diane Newcomb, on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Margaret Santos, 3305 Broderick Avenue in San Francisco.

The party will include dinner, entertainment—singing and dancing to the music of Shirley Rogers, Little Susie and Company—and more. Reservations are required and the cost is $10 a person. Mail a check to Pat Pavlisin, Post Chaplain's Office, bldg. 130, Presidio of San Francico, CA 94129 or call **561-4239** by tomorrow, May 5.

POWC tour

The May 11 tour of the POWC (Presidio Officers' Wives' Club) will be to Acres of Orchids in South San Francisco. Learn how to raise these flowers, and learn about the cloning process used to develop new varieties. Lunch and shopping at Serramonte Mall will follow the tour.

Meet at the Officers' Club parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to form car pools. The only cost will be for your lunch and a share of gas money for the drivers.

Call Ellen Litney at **346-9436** for more information or for reservations.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Amonymous is starting a new meeting at the Letterman Army Medical Center Chapel. Weekly meetings will be held Sunday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. starting Sunday May 7. This is a 12-step program that helps people deal with compulsive overeating and related eating disorders. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. For information call **647-5460.**

Photo classes

A beginning photography class is being offered Wednesday through June 7. The class meets from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and the cost is $35. The fee includes paper and chemicals. Students will learn elementary camera skills, exposure of film, processing of film and quality printing.

A class teaching hand-coloring black and white photographs will be given May 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $8. Students must register by Saturday. Students will learn the basic techniques of hand-coloring with photo oil colors.

For information, call Dean K. Steiner at **561-4497.**

Free baseball tickets

Robert A. Lurie, Chairman of the Giants baseball team, has announced the Giants will admit soldiers to general admission seats free of charge with an "active" identification card.

This is good for all games Monday through Sunday, and not Monday to Friday as previously reported. Family members are not included in this program.

The Oakland A's will sell half-price tickets at the Coliseum for all games with an "active" ID.

Visit the USO, bldg. 223 (basement), to find out what other free tickets are available. Last week 100 free tickets to "Oba Oba," the Brazilian extravaganza at the Orpheum, were distributed. Call **561-2436** Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling

Recycling for May will be held May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities groups will be visiting all housing areas on post. Have your newspapers and all-aluminim cans set out by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All profits from recycling go to the groups doing the work.

Toastmasters

Want to improve your public speaking? Attend the Presidio Toastmasters meetings from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Civilian Personnel Directorate classroom, bldg. 37. Call Rudy Sanchez at **561-4321** for information.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, May 4: Cousins (PG-13), 7 p.m. Ted Danson, Isabella Rossellini. An old-fashioned, heart-tugging love story about two romantics related by marriage who fall in love.

Fri, May 5: Cousins (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, May 6: Lean on Me (PG-13), 7 p.m. Morgan Freeman, Beverly Todd. Bullhorn and bat in hand, a courageous principal tries to clean up a problem high school.

Sun, May 7: Lean on Me (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, May 8: Lean on Me (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, May 9: Dangerous Liaisons (R), 7 p.m. Glenn Close, John Malkovich. The tale of two sadistic former lovers who take pleasure in manipulating the affections of others.

Wed, May 10: Dangerous Liaisons (R), 7 p.m.

Thu, May 11: Troop Beverly Hills (PG), 7 p.m. Shelly Long, Craig T. Nelson. A sheltered society wife launches an all-out effort to bolster her self-esteem by taking leadership of her daughter's Girl Scout troop.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	**May 5:**	**Heartbreak Hotel (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat,	**May 6:**	**101 Dalmatians (G)**	**1 p.m.**
Sat,	**May 6:**	**Iron Eagle II (PG)**	**7 p.m.**

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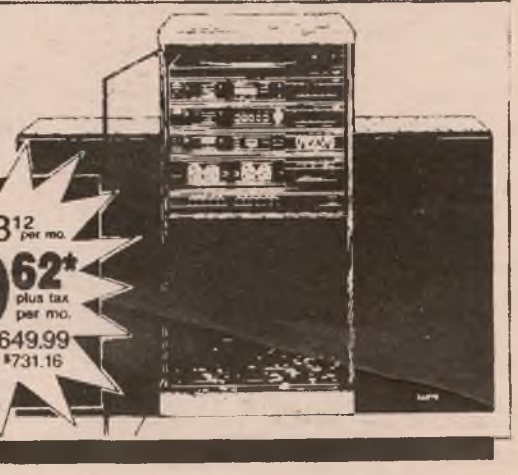
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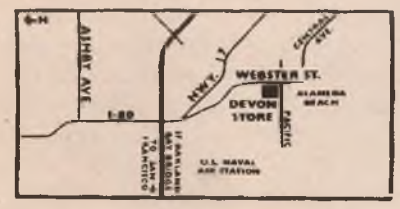
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News Briefs

Change of command

The U.S. Army Garrison Change of Command will be held May 19, on the Main Parade Field beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Col. Joseph V. Rafferty, who has commanded the Garrison since June 30, 1986, will relinquish command to Col. William Swift, the Sixth United States Army Assistant Chief of Staff.

Rafferty will be honored by the Presidio at a farewell dinner tomorrow evening, May 12, at the Presidio Officers' club.

Main lot closed Wednesday

The main parking lot will be closed **Wednesday, May 17,** to marshal participants for the Armed Forces Day Parade. Presidians who normally park on the main parking lot should make other arrangements.

Power shutdown

There will be a power shutdown to allow for repairs on May 20 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Family Housing will be affected in the 500, 700, 800 and 1200 areas.

Safety Awareness Day

May 24 is Safety Awareness Day on post.

All nonessential air and ground training will cease and commanders and supervisors will be promoting safety awareness. A variety of safety-related activities will be held in front of bldg. 34, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities will include: free safety POV (privately owned vehicles) and bicycle checks; on-post vehicle registration; fingerprinting of children; displays on safety and fire prevention, CPR and drinking/driving; demonstrations on how to jump start a vehicle, conduct a vehicle maintenance check, and how to use a fire extinguisher.

For more information on Safety Awareness Day, call the Directorate of Safety at **561-4424,** or **561-3294.**

Outprocessing

Starting now, all soldiers required to outprocess must do so at the Education Center. LAMC and LAIR soldiers will go to the LAMC Ed Center, all others will use the Fort Scott Ed Center.

Sixth Army tournaments

Sixth Army will be sponsoring several athletic tournaments this month will all entry fees going to your local Army Emergency Relief (AER) Fund. Plans call for competition in bowling, racquetball, and slow-pitch softball. The softball tournament on May 31 at Fort Scott will feature an "over-the-hill" game between the sergeants major and the colonels beginning at noon. Bowling and racquetball matches are scheduled for May 26, 30, and 31.

Entry fees are $5 for individual events and $25 per team event.

For more information or to sign-up for an event, call the following sports coordinators:

- **Racquetball.....MSgt. Laventure, 561-4996**
- **Bowling.....SGM Vales. 561-4700**
- **Softball.....SGM Freeman, 561-3660**
- **E-9 vs. O-6 game.....SGM Dunn, 561-4145.**



A scraper gets a final lookover by Charlie Company troops.

Charlie Company loads up

story and photo by Steve Morey

"All aboard!" was the call in Oakland, Calif., last week for Presidio's Company C 864th Engineer Battalion. However, rather than boarding soldiers, the unit loaded hundreds of tons of vehicles and equipment onto 20 railcars bound for Fort Lewis, Wash.

The May 1 through 3 rail load operation set the stage for Company C's annual Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP), from Monday through May 19. Nearly 110 Charlie soldiers will join 864th's other three companies, Headquarters Support Company, A and B, for the training exercise.

"You don't get to see this too often," said MSgt. Earl T. Gravile, Headquarters Command Battalion's logistics officer, who supervised the rail load and assisted with the loading plan.

"This is probably the first time since the Vietnam era, that we've rail loaded any unit on post anywhere," explained Gravile.

"The greatest thing to come out of this is to see the company come together. No matter how well you plan, it will never work without the soldiers' support."

At the staging area near Oakland Army Base, two-and-half miles from the railhead, more than 50 Charlie soldiers marshalled every vehicle and piece of equipment.

"It's important to have a good rail loading plan," stressed Gravile. "We must know the **exact** lengths of each vehicle and the spacing between each vehicle. Each group of vehicles cannot exceed the length of each railcar."

Once at the railhead area, the soldiers onloaded, among other things, bulldozers, scrapers, graders, backhoes, five- and two-and-a-half-ton trucks and nearly all of the unit's field equipment.

Soldiers then were assigned to one of four roving crews, directed by Sgt. Harold J. Jackson, the unit's quality NCOIC for the rail load. The chain crew, ground guide crew, tightening crew and lacing crew secured each steel monster to the flatbed railcars.

"As far as the rail load," said Jackson, "it will save wear and tear on the vehicles and the soldiers will be fresh and rested when they get to Fort Lewis." For past ARTEPs, Company C loaded the trucks with equipment and soldiers for a three-day, 800-mile convoy to Fort Lewis.

This year, the vehicles got a free ride while the troops took to the air Monday aboard an Army C-141 airplane.

Said PFC Christopher T. David, a member of the Earthmoving Platoon, "I'm looking forward to the ARTEP and seeing Washington. I've never been there before."

He added, "We're going to show them [the other three 864th units] we know what we're doing."

The soldiers' work commanded praise from the Directorate of Logistics' Hose M. Cruise, a Transportation Division freight rate specialist. She assisted Gravile with the rail plan.

Cruise, who never before participated in a rail load operation, said, "It's interesting, a good learning experience not only for me, but for the soldiers as well.

"Of course, without the troops, it wouldn't have worked. I appreciate their enthusiasm and applaud their efforts."

See page 7 for more photos

Voices

A Holocaust survivor shares his story

by John Willis

The 15-year-old Jewish youth leaned against the door, his eyes circling the courtyard-square, waiting for the Nazis to appear.

As they approached, fear swept through his body. With the memory of the deportation of his parents and older sister to Auschwitz fresh in his mand, he lightly tapped on the door.

Behind the door, his signal was heard. The two men quickly stopped filling their nightsacks with coal and wood—and prepared for a confrontation.

The German sentries yelled at young Louis De Groot, asking him, "What are you doing there?"

Replying in German, De Groot said, "I'm waiting for my girlfriend."

As he heard two triggers cock behind the door, one of the Nazi guards reached out and grabbed him by the collar. Shining a bright flashlight in his face, the guard asked, "Are you Aryan?"

With his most innocent Dutch voice, De Groot replied, "I don't understand what you are asking me."

Instantly, the guards pulled him from the door. Kicking him in the rear, one yelled, "Get out of here! We won't want to see you around here again!"

Although he didn't return again, De Groot, the speaker for a May 1 breakfast at the Presidio Officers' Club commemorating the Holocaust, spent 30 months avoiding discovery, capture and deportation from Holland during World War II, because of his Jewish faith.

According to Col. D. Peter Gleichenhaus, co-organizer of the breakfast ceremony and the Presidio's senior Jewish officer, it's important for the Holocaust to be commemorated by all Americans, not just the Jewish population.

"Since Holocaust survivors are now 50 years old or older, time is running out for them to bear witness," he said.

Remembering the start of the war in Holland, De Groot said, "It was four a.m. in my hometown of Arnhem when we awoke to the sounds of planes having dogfights." Holland was invaded by the Germans on Friday, May 10, 1940.

"Quickly my family packed and we were in a taxi. At 5 a.m., we headed for Ymuiden, a port city near Amsterdam," he continued.

But because Holland's defense plan included demolishing the dikes and blocking its roads with fallen trees, his family didn't make it.

"We tried several routes of escape, but returned home by 10 a.m. The Germans were already there," he added.

For the rest of the day and through the weekend, many changes occured in young De Groot's life. Posters stating "YOU ARE NOW UNDER MILITARY RULE" appeared almost instantly throughout the city.

"Air raid sirens went off and the streets would clear, allowing the Germans to move their tanks and trucks through the city. No one could even look out his window to watch—the Germans would shoot them for spying," said De Groot.

Although he could hear the Dutch and German armies battling fiercely in the distance, on Monday Rotterdam was bombed and Holland surrendered.

To the terror of the Jewish population, in February of 1941, according to De Groot, 1,000 Jewish men throughout the country were arrested and deported. Their wives and families were notified they had died of heart failure, and they had options to buy urns containing ashes of their deceased.

"From then on, restrictions were imposed on us. I couldn't be seen in a public place. I couldn't rollerskate or *play ball! More restrictions* were added each day limiting my activities," said De Groot, recalling the year he was 12 years old.

Then in October, according to De Groot, the Nazis made a bad decision. Jewish civil servants, including many university professors, *were* ordered fired by the Germans.

Outraged, the students protested by not attending classes, and the universities closed.

"This was a policy that backfired on the Germans. The students revolted, and many of the first resistance groups formed," De Groot said.

While De Groot attended an all Jewish school for a year, his parents gathered food and supplies with the hopes of hiding in a neighbor's house.

The plans fell through and his family ended up on the street in November 1942, looking for a place to hide. His parents and older sister were captured and deported in April 1944.

After the war, De Groot learned from an eyewitness that his family had perished at the concentration camp located in Auschwitz, Poland.

From the time his family left home until Holland's liberation, April 8, 1945, De Groot hid.

By moving 18 times in 30 months, he was able to evade the Germans. De Groot explained, "I would stay indoors, away from the windows and out of sight. We were all at great risk, and whenever questions or suspicions arose, I would be forced to move.

"If there was an arrest of someone who knew my location, or if a neighbor heard a suspicious noise or asked too many questions, I would move, usually at night, to a new location."

Included in De Groot's hiding places was the rooftop apartment of a bank janitor, who locked his two sons and De Groot in the bank's vault for a weekend after fearing the Germans planned to arrest his sons.

Another risky hiding place, according to De Groot, was the home of an engineer who worked at one of Holland's two radio stations. The engineer had sabotaged recording sessions of speeches by the Dutch Nazi Party's leader, and also frequently used the radio station's equipment to transmit secret messages to England.

But the moving finally ended for De Groot when he arrived in Friesland, where he stayed until *Holland was* liberated.

Drafted by the U.S. Army only five months after immigrating to the U.S. in 1950, De Groot's request for an intelligence job was rejected—there were no records of his existance while he was in hiding.

Ramblin' Sam

"What's the best thing you do for your child (or children)?"



Col. Forrest Norrod, Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Management: "Support them in their decisions. Assist them in reaching their self-realization goals."



SFC Gloria Guadamuz, administration NCO, Sixth U.S. Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations: "I'm always there for them. I back them up spiritually and financially. I'm more of a friend than a dictator."



MSgt. James Bowman, instructor, civilian intern leadership development course, Sixth U.S. Army Conference Facility: "Allow them [three teenagers] to make their own decisions. With general guidance I think helps them to become more self-reliant.

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Base Closure

Task force releases Presidio migration plan

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

The Base Realignment and Closure Task Force is making plans for the Army's departure from the Presidio. Although the appropriation legislation for the post's closure has not been passed by Congress, Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the Department of the Army (DA) are moving forward with plans for the Presidio's closure—just in case.

FORSCOM and the three-member post task force is putting together a "migration plan" that outlines what will happen to each activity or unit should it be decided the Army will leave this post entirely. According to task force member Thomas P. Galvin, that is possible.

The diagram below shows the tentative migration plan. Some of the transfers indicated are under review. Almost daily, changes are being made about where post units will go, and how many people will be transferred. It is currently projected that 1,802 soldiers will transfer and at least 1,945 civilians will be given the option to transfer with their units in the event of the Presidio closure.

Galvin emphasizes that even if these plans are implemented by FORSCOM and DA, these moves will not take place quickly.

According to Galvin, before any of the post units can be moved, Environmental Impact Studies (EIS) must be completed. These are very detailed plans that look at the environmental changes if a post unit relocates. For example, the 548th Explosive Ordnance Detachment has only three vehicles and if it leaves the Presidio for Fort Lewis, Wash., San Francisco would have three vehicles-worth less air pollution, vehicle traffic and fuel consumption. Fort Lewis however, would gain the vehicles and the resulting pollution. All of these details—no matter how seemingly insignificant—must be considered and their impact assessed in the EIS.

According to Galvin, these EIS will take the Sacramento Army Corps of Engineers time to finish. The target date for completion is September 1990. Therefore no moves are anticipated before that date.

Presidio Migration Plan

Fort Carson, Colo.
- Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army
- Special Security Detachment

Fort Lewis, Wash.
- Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion
- 548th Explosive Ordnance Detachment
- Physical Evaluation Board

Fort Ord, Calif.
- Army Audit Agency
- 902nd Military Intelligence Battalion

Oakland Army Base, Calif.
- 87th Explosive Ordnance Detachment (tentative)
- 902nd Military Intelligence Battalion
- Criminal Investigation Command
- Army Medical Department

Letterkenny, Penn.
- Logistics Control Activity

Fort Detrick, Md.
- Letterman Army Institute of Research

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area
- Readiness Group
- U.S. Army Reserve Centers

Leased space in Bay Area
- Military Entrance Processing Command
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Agriculture
- Defense Investigative Service
- Central Aviation Readiness Team
- U.S. Army Reserve - Aviation

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Garrison deactivates

——— destinations and transfers likely

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Post gears up for Armed Forces Week

by Joel P. Smith

San Francisco will be invaded by three military forces Tuesday.

Soldiers, sailors and airmen will represent their services Tuesday through May 21 during the annual Armed Forces Week celebration in the city.

Top Army and Navy bands, a walking tour of a naval ship and a Joint Services Parade will highlight the week's events.

According to Army Maj. Jefferson W. Barber, a public affairs officer with Sixth U.S. Army on post, more than 1,000 service members will be representing the nation during the celebration.

He said the purpose of Armed Forces Week is to "inform the surrounding community of the importance and benefit of military preparedness."

Barber also said the event "is aimed at increasing overall understanding between the various military communities and their local civilian communities."

May 16 Activities: A Joint Services Luncheon, sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, will lead the schedule. The Class A affair will be at 11:30 a.m. Call 561-4144 for invitations.

The Navy Show Band West, headed by Ensign Donald H. Keller Jr., will also perform Tuesday, noon, at Justin Herman Plaza.

Keller, stationed at Treasure Island Naval Station, said his band's audiences "walk away feeling better about themselves, their country and the military."

In 1988 the band, an 18-piece jazz ensemble in the style of the Ellington era, performed 876 times in northern California, Oregon, Nevada and Colorado, Keller said. They also made a handful of appearances in southern California and Washington state, he added.

"Our primary purpose is to serve the uniform and the guys on the ships," said Keller, "but we're also here to entertain [people]—free."

The Navy Band Nautilus, also under Keller, will appear at Pier 39 at 12:30 p.m. Eight sailors, on electronic instruments, compose the band.

At 2 p.m. the 23rd Army Band from Salt Lake City, Utah, will be at the San Francisco Veterans Administration Hospital.

Cheyenne, Wy. is represented by the 67th Army Band, which will play at Pier 39 at 3 p.m.

May 17: The Joint Services Parade, beginning noon at Justin Herman Plaza, will have two Grand Marshals: Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, and San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos.

May 18: "Nautilus" *again performs, this time at 101 California* Street, noon.

Justin Herman plaza will again be the stage for the 67th Army Band at noon.

Navy Show Band West makes its second appearance at Armed Forces Week, playing Pier 39 at 12:30 p.m.

The pier is also the site for the 23rd Army Band's second performance of the week, at 3 p.m.

May 19: Navy Show Band West makes its last appearance at noon, 101 California Street.

The 23rd Army Band, also in a noon concert, plays at the San Ramon Street Fair.

The Naval ship USS Kiska will hold an open house.

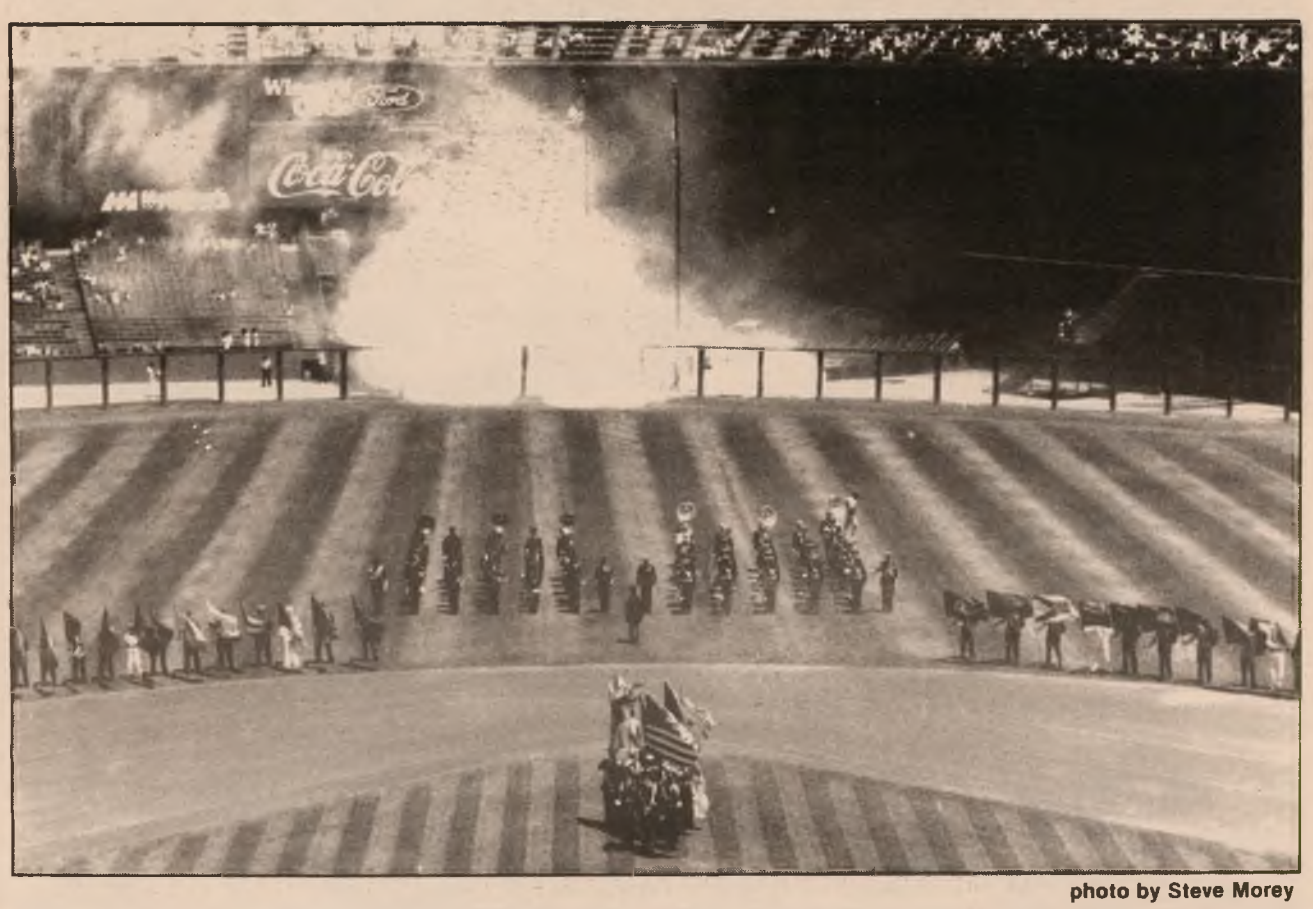


photo by Steve Morey

Cannon smoke enshrouds the Presidio's Ceremonial Platoon as they fire 11 75mm howitzers in salute to Armed Forces Week, 1988. The San Francico Giants invited the unit and the color guard in the foreground to Candlstick Park for the ceremony.

May 20: Armed Forces Day will be celebrated at the Oakland Coliseum which will host a military band concert and color guard before the 1:05 p.m. Oakland A's and Boston Red Sox baseball game.

Ticket prices for the game have been reduced to $3.75 for service members, down from the regular price of $7.50. For more information about how to get tickets, call ITT at 561-3992.

May 21: Ceremonial Platoon, with Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, will fire the opening gun at the Bay to Breakers marathon at 8 a.m. The race starts at the intersection of Spear and Howard streets.

At the closing ceremonies, a joint-service color guard and the Naval Band at Treasure Island Naval Station will perform.

Avoid assault—Presidians tell how

by Joel P. Smith

A medical NCO on post, who was beaten unconscious with a baseball bat in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco Jan. 1, has some travel advice for Presidians.

"Never go alone," said SSgt. Kenneth L. Giddings, an assistant ward master at Letterman Army Medical Center on post.

"Unless you have a specific reason to go [into high crime areas of the city], you should go in groups," he recommended.

Giddings said that on the day of the attack, he went into the district alone to trade records at a shop near the intersection of Haight and Ashbury streets.

Near the intersection, he was attacked, beaten and robbed by three to five gang members at 2 p.m., he said.

Struck on the head with a baseball bat, he said he suffered a brain hemorrhage, which was treated at San Francisco General Hospital.

He said he now experiences memory loss, seizures and loss of coordination. As a result of the attack, Giddings said he won't travel alone again, if there's any chance he can be attacked.

That's a wise decision for *all* Presidians, according to a military policeman on post, who teaches people how to avoid violent crimes.

"There's safety in numbers," said Spec. Patrick R. Wilson, a crime prevention NCO with the Provost Marshal's Office on post.

"You've got a lot less chance of being attacked if you're with friends who can help you."

Wilson said if you have no choice and must travel alone, there are several things you can do to forestall an attack.

Firstly, he said, don't walk alone at night. "If you feel threatened [no matter what the circumstances], run to the nearest lighted area," he recommended.

Being in a lighted area reduces the chance of an attack, Wilson said, because the assailant knows there may be witnesses.

Running from any person who threatens you is perhaps the best policy, he added. "The longer you stand around, the better his chances to assault you," Wilson said.

If you give an attacker the opportunity, that sparks the desire. If he has the opportunity and the desire, the crime's going to follow," explained Wilson.

Standing your ground, and trying to defend yourself with a weapon yields more defeats than victories, he added. "Statistics show that people who use weapons in defense [on the streets] usually have those weapons turned against them."

Wilson said, "Distance is the best defense."

If you are assaulted, get loud and get help. Run to the nearest telephone and report the crime to the police, Wilson said.

He said many people, out of fear or embarrassment, will not report an assault or rape. "If you don't report it you're wrong," he believes.

"A crime can be solved; you don't have to live with it the rest of your life."

Wilson said silence only leaves the attacker free to harm others.

Gather as many witnesses as you can and try to remember details about the attacker, Wilson said. Permanent details—like scars, body built, the color of the attacker's eyes—are most helpful.

"[An assailant] can change his clothes, but he can't as easily change his face," Wilson explained.

For more information about crime prevention, call the MP station at 561-5011. For an emergency, call 561-5656 or call the MP desk sergeant at 561-2251.

Army Community Service offers counseling and support services for victims of domestic violence. You can call ACS at 561-5057.

Etc.



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It could have been worse....

Sgt. Kyle P. Ritter, NCOIC, Presidio Traffic Investigations Office, marks the site of a recent accident in the Pershing housing area. Except for the driver, who received only minor cuts and bruises, no one was injured in the accident,which occurred May 5 at about 2:30 p.m.The driver, a Navy petty officer who lives in Pershing, reported losing his brakes as he was traveling downhill on Pershing Drive. He jumped from the car which then veered right. The vehicle crashed through a fence and took out a stop sign and a telephone pole before flipping onto its roof in the northbound lane of Lincoln Boulevard.

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There are some well-constructed, comfortable, good-handling and quick cars out there now that will get more than 30 miles per gallon in city driving. Make sure you don't pass them by next time you are looking for a new car. The way energy prices are going up, you'll be needing all the efficiency you can get out of your vehicle.

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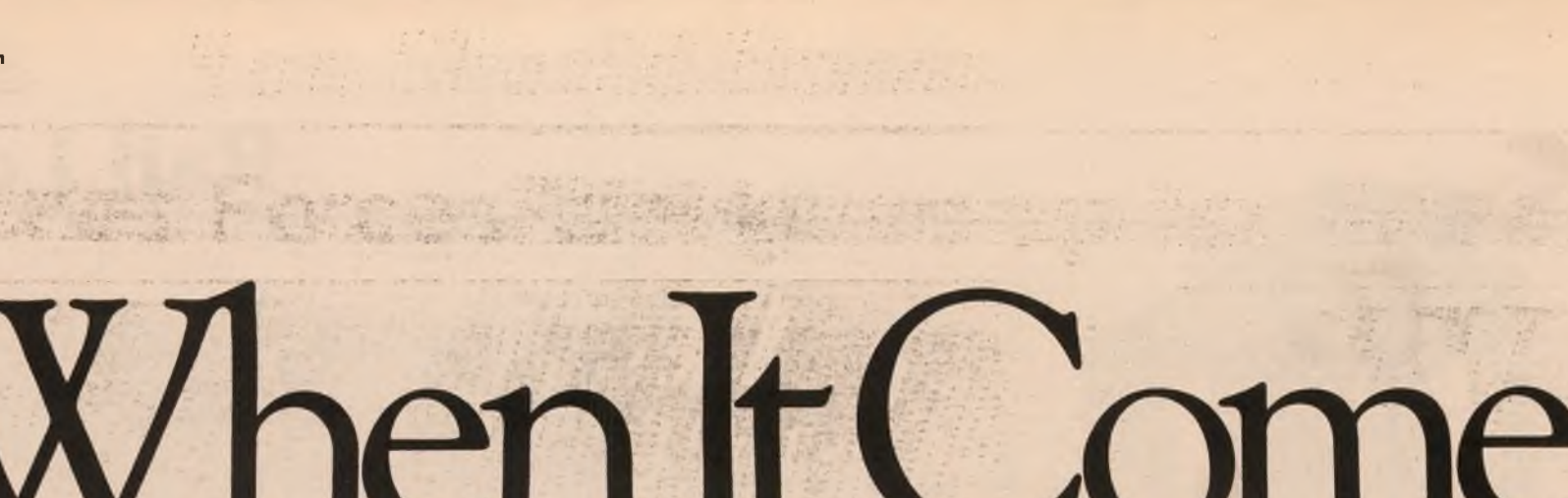


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Sports

Sports Commentary: Softball season '89 kicks off

story and photos by Steve Morey

Starting May 22, fungoes will flourish, sacrifices will be made and players will be doubled up: the 1989 post Intramural Softball League is here.

Defending champs, Sixth U.S. Army, face the formidable task of battling some 20 opponents in quest of repeating their 1988 title.

Teams have been practicing at the Fort Scott diamonds daily, and even on weekends. Fielders are working hard to rid their systems of those error blues, thinking of that "perfect" catch.

Outfielders can be seen battling the midday sun, hitting the cutoff man and diving for that ever-elusive Texas-leaguer.

Infielders are hugging the ground, waiting for the hop and rifling the ball to first. Stones and divots are definitely a shortstop's enemy.

Meanwhile, batters continue to look for the groove, the certain pitch they can drive into the gap for an extra base hit. The "swing" is nearly in tune with the pitch—hit on top of the ball, it's an easy grounder; under it and you've got "popcorn."

During preseason scrimmages between 1989 opponents, teams encourage each other. Odds are, regular season chatter will be less complimentary. "Nice play, left fielder!" may soon turn into "Whoa! You can open your eyes now," or "Hey—an early Christmas present!"

All in all, the 1989 season should prove to be as exciting as last year's contests. Nine 1988 teams finished above the .600 mark; four others were .500 or better.

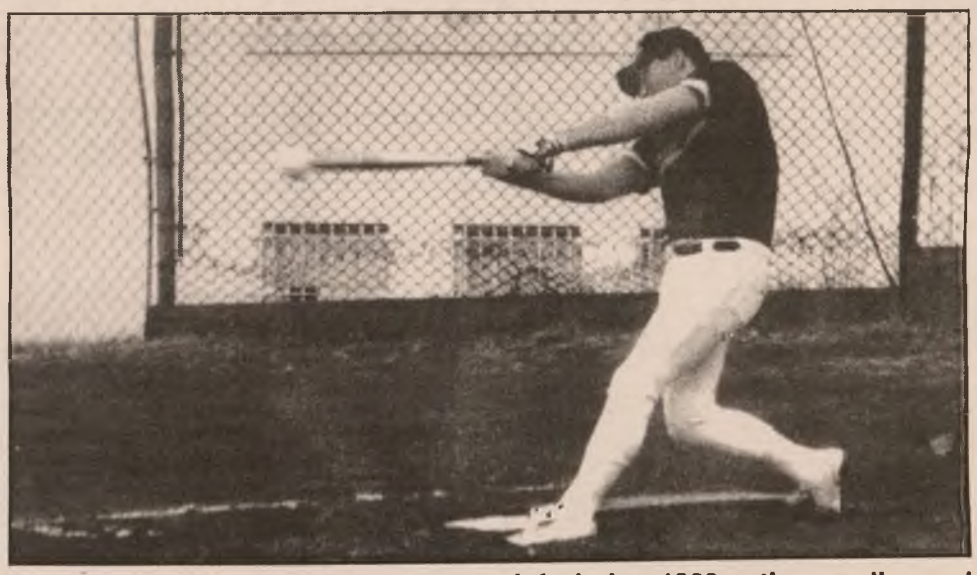
When the final "Play ball!" is sounded in August, the Fort Scott fields will yield to the fall football league; but that's the future.

For now, dust will fly, mitts will pop, bodies will dive and dare—softball is in the air!

***Editor's note:** There's still time to sign up your team; deadline is Monday at 4:15 p.m.. For more information, call Charles Hurd at Gym No. 1 at 561-4120, or 561-5032.*



Lawrence Miller arcs a knuckler toward the plate for Law Enforcement Company during the 1988 season.



Sixth Army's Dave Bellerue singles to left during 1988 action on diamond No. 1. Sixth Army is the post intramural defending champ.

Sports Notes

Free tennis lessons

Sign-up now for a free, eight-hour block of tennis instructions given by Col. D. Peter Gleichenhaus. Classes, on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m., start June 6 and will be held on courts 1 and 2 near Infantry Terrace.

All Presidians are invited to join; but priority will be given to active duty soldiers and their family. Only eight people may sign up for each class.

For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at 561-5032.

FEB baseball night

The San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board invites Presidio Federal Employees to "Federal Employees Night At The Stick," featuring the Giants vs. Padres, June 9, at 7:35 p.m.

The game is coming up fast. For information, call Nikita Robinson at 974-0661.

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The Sports Branch offers free instruction in the use of the Nautilus© exercise machines in post Gym No. 1, bldg. 63. The classes are given on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. and on Saturdays at 1 p.m. You must attend a class in order to get a nautilus card that authorizes use of the machines. For information, call Bob Darling at 561-4120 or 561-4131.

Asian-Pacific basketball

Presidians are invited free to the Asian-Pacific Basketball Tournament on May 20 and 21, starting each day at 10 a.m. The double-elimination tourney, held in Gym No. 1, will feature eight teams from local Asian communities.

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Community Calendar

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Buses will be at the Centennial Tree before 10:30 a.m. to take the first 150 Presidians to and from the game. Reservations will not be taken for this service; it will be strictly first-come, first-served basis.

Walk through the Bible

The post Chaplain's office is offering an opportunity for Presidians to get to know the Old Testament. A one-day walk through the Bible seminar will be held Saturday at the Post theater. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $10 a person. Child care will be provided for children 2 years old to 3rd grade. For information, call the Post Chapel, **561-4719.**

Recycling

Recycling for May will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth Activities groups will be visiting all housing areas on post. Have your newspapers and all-aluminim cans set out by 9 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All profits from recycling go to the groups doing the work.

Evaluation workshop

Bring your lunch and $5 for a workshop on May 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a discussion on the importance of evaluations and how to improve them. To make reservations or get more information, call Rudy Sanchez at **561-4321** or Diane Lemley at **563-6481.**

Food Basket

The post Food Basket Program, which assists eligible soldiers and their families, accepts donations of canned goods and unopened food staples. Donations may be left at Army Community Service, bldg. 914, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For more information, call Erick Davis at **561-5057.**



photo courtesy Jack Wodell Associates

'Miss Firecracker'

Carnelle, played by Holly Hunter, and her friend, Popeye (Alfre Woodard) romp through misadventures in this new comedy. *Miss Firecracker* is playing at theaters throughout the Bay Area.

Road race

The annual Post Road Race Championship will take place at noon, May 16, at post Gym No. 2, bldg. 1152. The course will be a flat out and back 5 kilometers (3.1 miles). Competition is open to the Post community (active duty soldiers, DoD civilians, dependents (family members older than 19 years old) and retirees). The entry fee is $2 a person and is payable to the Morale Support Fund. There are awards for individuals and teams.

Entry blanks are available at post Gym No. 1, and post Gym No. 2, bldg. 1152. Call Bob Darling at

Free admission to piano recital

Soldiers in uniform or with military I.D. will be welcomed and admitted free to a performance by the celebrated pianist E. Jerome Malry, at Herbst Theater at 8 p.m. on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

"Leadership is something our Armed Forces know something about and demonstrate constantly," commented Leone Baxter-Whitaker, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. "It is fitting and appropriate that Mr. Malry, on the verge of Armed Forces Week, so generously honors our people dedicated to national defense."

Other concert sponsors, include a cross section of San Francisco social and opera leaders and Juergen Schneider, Ballet Master of the American Ballet Theater.

Tickets, at $10, $15, and $25, can be bought at "Stubbs" in Union Square, or charged by telephone at **552-3656,** or bought at the door on the evening of the performance. And remember—a uniformed soldier or one with his military I.D. will be seated free!

ITT news

Baseball fans, ITT has tickets to the Giants vs. Mets and A's vs. Yankees baseball games in May. Free Giants & A's schedules also are available.

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For more information call or visit ITT, in bldg. 215, **561-3992.**

USO news

If you are a military spouse looking for work, come to the USO and register in the Job Search Program. Jobs ranging from file clerk to high paying secretarial—are listed.

Free tickets are donated by the Great American Music Hall each week. USO also has arranged free admission to Giants games. Show your active duty ID card at Candlestick and you will be admitted to general admission seats on any day. The Oakland A's will sell half-price tickets at the Oakland Coliseum to active duty ID card holders.

The USO is located in bldg. 223 (basement) across from Garrison Headquarters. Call **561-2435** Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATO travel

For all of you southern California-bound passengers interested in Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm, Alaska Airlines has a great deal for you. For $236 (round trip) you can fly to Long Beach airport or Orange County airport, get airport transfers to your hotel, and a two day admission to Disneyland or one day at Disneyland and one day at Knott's Berry Farm. This price also includes your hotel stay. You MUST stay over a Saturday night and buy your tickets seven days before departure. For children 3 through 11 years old, the cost is $145.

Do you know that all the major carriers have a program where your children fly for free or $1 if you travel on Tuesdays or Wednesdays? To qualify, you must buy your tickets by May 26. This fare requires a Saturday night stay. These seats are going fast, so call SATO today at **561-2314.** These fares are good until Sept. 10.

Blood drive

The second quarter post blood drive will be held May 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and May 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the NCO Club's Green Room. For appointments, call the Family Support Division at **561-3701,** or **561-5730.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, May 11: Troop Beverly Hills (PG), 7 p.m. Shelly Long, Craig T. Nelson. A sheltered society wife launches an all-out effort to bolster her self-esteem by taking leadership of her daughter's Girl Scout troop.

Fri, May 12: Troop Beverly Hills (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, May 13: The Rescuers (G). 7 p.m. A mysterious bottle bearing an urgent message is discovered by a band of Mouse Scouts.

Sun, May 14: The Rescuers (G), 1 p.m. Mother's Day weekend matinee. Children under 12 years old may bring their mothers to this matinee at child's $1.25 admission price.

Sun, May 14: Fletch Lives (PG), 7 p.m. Chevy Chase, Hal Holbrook. Chevy Chase reprises his role as a smirking, wise-cracking reporter who inherits a crumbling plantation in Louisiana's bayou country.

Mon, May 15: Fletch Lives (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, May 16: Fletch Lives (PG), 7 p.m.

Wed, May 17: Scrooged (PG-13), 7 p.m. Bill Murray, Robert Mitchum. A nasty television executive is taken through his past, present and future by ghosts just like in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Thu, May 18: Dead Bang (R), 7 p.m. Don Johnson, Penelope Ann Miller. An action-packed police thriller about a Los Angeles homocide detective obsessed with the capture of a cop-killer.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	**May 12: The Presidio (R)**	**7 p.m.**
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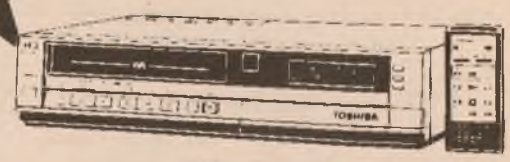
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News Briefs

Power shutdown

A power shutdown is scheduled for **Saturday** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This shutdown is needed to repair the power distribution systems. The areas and buildings affected are: bldg. 1100 (LAMC); bldg. 1110 (LAIR); LAMC area barracks (bldgs. 1027, 1028 and the just completed barracks); the Coast Guard Station; all DOL field maintenance areas (900 area); bldgs. 86, 87, 63 (gymnasium), 67 (telephone exchange); and housing areas 500, 700, 800, 1400 and 1700.

Retirement ceremony

The May retirement ceremony will be **today**, instead of the last Thursday of the month. For information, call the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization at **561-3636**.

Armed Forces Day baseball transportation

Those Presidians wishing to have free transportation to the Armed Forces Day baseball game with the Oakland A's on Saturday, should go to the Centennial Tree in the main parking lot before 10:30 a.m. There will be two buses taking Presidians on a first come, first served basis. The buses will leave at 10:30 a.m. for the game at the Oakland Coliseum for the game between the A's and the Boston Red Sox. For those Presidians without tickets, it should be noted that a sell-out of the game is expected.

Safety Awareness Day

Wednesday is Safety Awareness Day on post.

All nonessential air and ground training will cease and commanders and supervisors will be promoting safety awareness. A variety of safety-related activities will be held in front of bldg. 34, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on Safety Awareness Day, call the Directorate of Safety at **561-4424**, or **561-3294**.

Record sales for AAFES

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) announced record sales for 1988 of $6.2 billion. The total payments from all AAFES operations to Army and Air Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs were $137.7 million for 1988. In the past 10 years, AAFES has paid more than $1 billion in dividends and other funds to the two services' MWR programs.

Commissary closed

The Presidio Commissary will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Library closed

The post library will be closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Self Help closed

The Self-Help Center will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. For more information, call Sgt. John W. Longstreet, Self-Help Center NCOIC, at **561-4118**.



Garrison Commander Col. Joseph V. Rafferty will relinquish command to Col. Williams D. Swift tomorrow, May 19.

Col. Rafferty to leave Presidio

story and photo by Steve Morey

After 30 years of Army service and nearly three years on post as Commander of the United States Army Garrison, Col. Joseph V. Rafferty is retiring.

Rafferty leaves the service with a long list of accomplishments, and praise from his staff, colleagues and co-workers. The post's 213th commander will be succeeded tomorrow, May 19, by Col. William D. Swift, during a change of command ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

Rafferty sat at his well-polished desk inside Garrison Headquarters, surrounded by an array of plaques, certificates and awards.

He reflected on his 36 months as Commander of the U.S. Army Garrison—28 of those as installation commander.

"I've been lucky to be a part of a special breed of soldiers and civilians," said Raffety, "who've impressed me with their ethical professionalism and desire to excel. It's been an honor to be associated with them.

"I'm definitely going to miss them."

Bay Area bound

However, Rafferty and his family, his wife, Sherrill, and children, Kristin R. and Vincent J., aren't going far. The Raffertys will remain in the Bay Area.

"Just like every soldier, my family is the most important thing to me," continued Rafferty. "I've always tried to make a special effort to spend as much time with them as possible."

Rafferty's secretary, June C. Landreth, echoes her boss' statement. "He's always going to work hard and play hard. He spends all of his free time with his family.

"I think everybody knows him to be a kind and caring person," continued Landreth. "In the mornings, he never comes into the office without a smile on his face or without saying, 'Hi!' to everyone."

Rafferty's deputy commander agrees. "He is one of the most people-oriented commanders I have ever been associated with," said Col. Le Ester Alexander.

"He's a person who has significant talents to get people to do things over and above what one would normally expect."

CSM John P. Carvalho, garrison command sergeant major, said Rafferty is very perceptive in the way he manages people. Added Carvalho, "I think he's carefully made plans for his new career. I'm sure he's going to succeed in anything he attempts."

In regard to his new "civilian" career, the retiring colonel said he has accepted a new position with a Bay Area industry "filled with new challenges."

Rafferty faced many difficult challenges during his Presidio tour: the alleged child abuse cases at the Child Development Center (CDC), the demands of the post construction program, the consolidation of the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army, and the base closure issue.

The outgoing commander said his proudest Presidio achievement was the completion of the post's military construction program. The list of new post construction includes the CDC, the Self Help Center, the Bowling Center, Shoppette, the Enlisted Medical Barracks, the post Burger King and the soon-to-be-completed and long-awaited commissary.

"He has done more for the Presidio in the three years he's been here than anyone could have imagined," said Alexander. "He has opened several new facilities in a relatively short period of time. It just stuns the imagination."

Silent heroes

Rafferty quickly thanked the "silent heroes"—past Presidio commanders—for the construction program's success. "The real credit belongs to my predecessors who had the vision to fight for the money and the resources," and Army and congressional approval.

"All that my staff and I did was accomplish the

please see Rafferty, page 7

Voices

Safety spells 'success' for soldiers

by Evelyn D. Harris

"Watch out for your buddy" is one of the first lessons a military recruit learns. Reminding your buddy to use a seat belt is part of that, said George Siebert, director of occupational safety and health policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel.

Next week, May 22-29 is "Buckle Up America" Week.

Laws in California and 30 other states plus the District of Columbia require seat-belt use by front-seat drivers and passengers. Approved child-restraint systems for babies and young children are required in all states and the District of Columbia.

The Presidio, along with all other military bases enforce these laws. Some add stronger regulations of their own in those localities with no seat-belt laws. Presidio soldiers and civilians must wear seat belts while driving government vehicles or when driving a privately owned vehicle.

Seat-belt use in the United States has increased dramatically. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administratin, a record 47 percent of Americans now use them. In 1982, before the agency's national safety belt campaign and enactment of state belt laws, that figure was 11 percent.

But if half the population uses seat belts, what about the half that doesn't?

"Their risk of being killed or seriously injured if involved in an accident is double that of belt wearers," said Siebert. He cited National Safety Council research showing that belts are 45 percent effective in preventing deaths and 55 percent effective in preventing disabling injuries. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 10,000 lives could have been saved in 1988 if everyone had used seat belts.

"In fiscal 1988, 1,083 military persons were killed in accidents, both on and off duty. Of these, 778, or 72 percent, were killed in motor vehicle accidents," said Siebert.

"The same year, 28,755 military members suffered disabling injuries due to motor vehicle accidents," he added. "These are tragic losses that seriously affect defense readiness."

Next Wednesday, May 24, is Safety Day on post. There will be displays and demonstrations set up outside bldg. 34 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to teach Presidians about safety. For more information, see page 5.

American Forces Information Service

It's a Snap

Ramblin' Sam

"What has Col. Rafferty contributed to the Presidio during his three yearsas commander?"



Sgt. Richard L. Boddie, ceremonial team leader, Ceremonial Platoon, United States Army Garrison: "It was a good motivational factor for the post when he put in the Burger King and the commissary. He's been a good commander."



Darlene Bristow, chief of commercial accounts, Finance and Accounting Office: "Most important is the new day care center. I feel one was needed. I didn't like the way the old one was structured and the way all the buildings were separated."



Spec. Joseph Medina, casualty clerk, Military Personnel Operations: "The construction of the new Child Development Center. The last center was in poor condition. There were several buildings [that made up the center], and I don't think they were safe. Now, the children are all under one roof."



Jackie Porter, secretary, Civilian Personnel Directorate, Civilian Personnel Office: "There's a calmness about him that carries over onto those he works with. He lets you know there's a goal and that you're part of the structure that support it. I think the most imporatnt thing is the calmness that emanates from him."

Correction

The *Star Presidian* staff regrets that several errors were included in the May 4 and 11 editions.

On May 4, a news brief announcement listed several meetings for Bay to Breakers volunteers. Unfortunately the address for one of those meetings—at U.C. San Francisco—was listed incorrectly. The paper published the address as 333 California Street not 3333 California Street. We regret any inconvenience to the volunteers for that error.

On May 11, the Armed Forces Week article listed Bay Area events for the week of May 16 through 21. The article incorrectly attributed the sponsorship of the Joint Services Luncheon on May 16 to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. In fact, the sponsor is the San Francisco Rotary Club.

In that same issue, in a story on avoiding violent attacks, some comfusion arose regarding a soldier whose assault wæs discussed. Kenneth L. Giddings was a staff sergeant at the time of his Jan. 7 beating in the Haight-Ashbury district. Giddings is now a sergeant.

The *Star Presidian* apologizes for these errors and regrets any inconvenience they may have caused.

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Post employees to get help finding new jobs

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

If responses to the *Star Presidian's* survey are any indication, the post's 3,000-plus civilian employees have been talking about the possible base closure with some anxiety. Most people are concerned about how they will find new jobs and what the Army will do to help them.

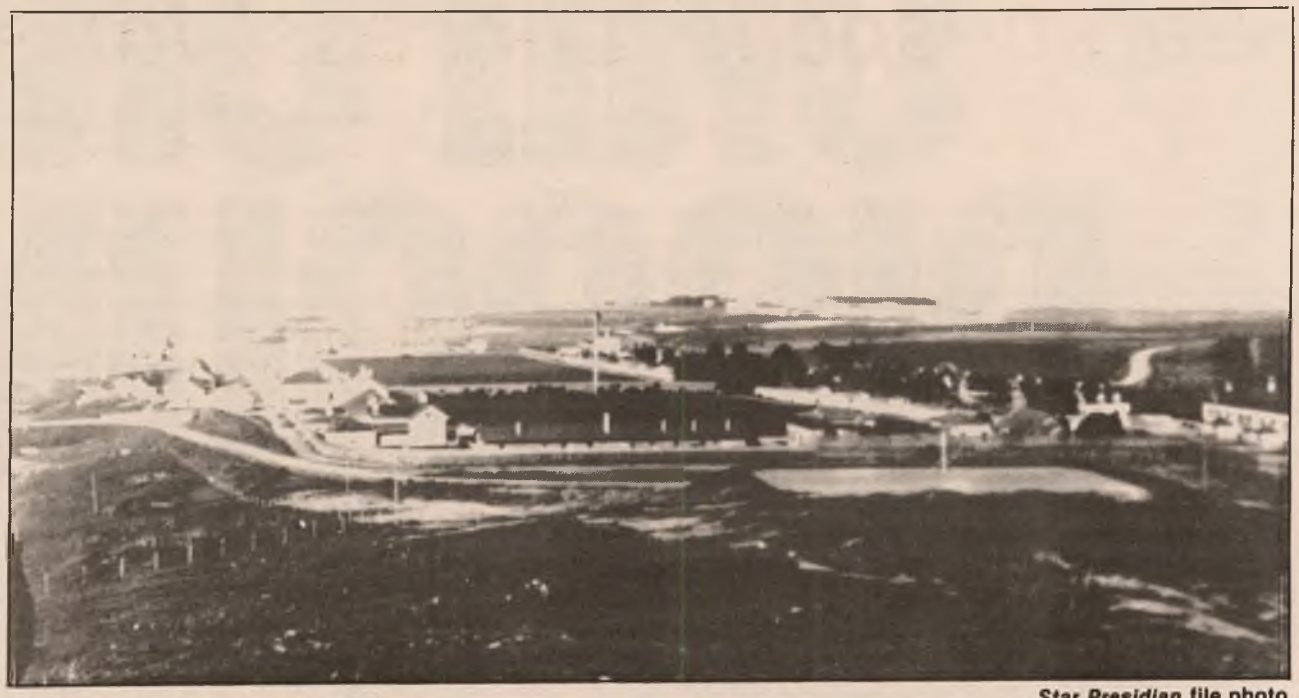
For this reason, the Civilian Personnel Directorate (CPD) is already making plans to assist the civilians.

According to Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer Col. Charles J. O'Brien, Presidians must keep in mind that the post will probably close, and if it does, some post organizations are expected to remain on the Presidio until 1995, he added. Other organizations—like the Federal Emergency Management Agency—may even stay permanently.

Taking care of the civilian workers is a high priority for the post's supervisors and commanders. FORSCOM Commander Gen. Colin L. Powell has reiterated that he wants to keep Department of Army civilians working for the Army. With all of this concern, employees can be assured the Department of the Army does not want to lose such a valuable resource.

The Civilian Personnel Directorate has already formed a base closure team whose members have identified actions CPD can take to make the transition smoother for Presidio civilians who may receive Reduction in Force (RIF) notices or be offered Transfer of Function (TOF) to a new facility sometime in the future.

Four organizations have already been given workforce briefings about base closure. These are general presentations which explain to employees what may happen if the post should close. In these talks employees are told how CPD, the Department of the Army, Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management will help them find new jobs if they are given RIF or transfer notices. The CPD team will explain in some detail the options available to post employees who may be able to retire at the time they otherwise would be displaced by a RIF.



A view of the Presidio in 1882.

Star Presidian file photo

Another plan, still to be implemented, is the establishment of an employee "hot line." This information line would be available to post employees with personnel questions about base closure.

Also in the future are plans for an outplacement office to help with job-hunting. CPD staff will be available to help Presidians sign up for the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program (PPP). This program places the names of Presidians about to be RIF'd in a central computer where they are given options about what kinds of jobs they would want to be considered for and where they would be willing to work (either remaining in the Bay Area or moving elsewhere).

If an employee is well qualified and registers for a job that opens up in the location that employee has chosen, he or she is offered that job. According to Mary Santamore, Chief of CPD Recruitment and Placement, the PPP has placed more than 90,000 employees in the past. About 60 percent of these people were placed within their own commuting area.

OPM offers two somewhat similar programs; the Interagency Placement Assistance Program (IPAP) and the Displaced Employee Program (DEP). IPAP tries to help federal employees find new jobs in other federal agencies before they lose their jobs due to a RIF; and DEP is designed to help employees who have already lost their jobs. More information about these programs will be made available to Presidians through CPD.

Santamore wants to remind Presidians that the Bay Area has many DoD jobs and she feels most Presidians not offered a chance to transfer with their organizations should be optimistic about their ability to find a new job.



photo by Tom MacKenzie

The Presidio today, viewed from the tower of the Golden Gate Bridge.

CPD offers good news

by the Civilian Personnel Directorate staff

Although base closure may be years in the future, employees who remain in the Presidio workforce are likely to enjoy greater career opportunities in the meantime. This is because there will be increasingly greater emphasis on supervisors and managers re-structuring jobs and filling them at a variety of levels and from a variety of sources to take advantage of the best available talent. This will create excellent opportunities for training and progression on the job.

Another benefit to employees will be special project assignments. Employees may be assigned as leaders or members of task forces or may step in to provide continuity as vacancies occur. Or they may be selected to complete one-time individual projects or tasks. This kind of experience may help employees gain or demonstrate knowledges, skills or abilities not normally used on their jobs. To receive full credit, employees should ensure that assignments are documented on the Personnel Qualification Statement (Standard Form 171).

These opportunities and experiences may provide post employees with additional credentials, flexibilities and career options when job hunting time comes. Viewed from this perspective, the experience gained during the next few years may serve as a spur to greater career growth or may offer a desired change in occupational directions for those who are willing to accept the challenge.

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Soldiers Should Know

Reservists to bolster national defense

by Joel P. Smith

The Army Reserve and National Guard will play a bigger role in national defense during the Bush administration than in previous administrations.

According to officers and senior enlisted soldiers who manage reserve affairs in the west, the Army's proposed force reduction of 7,929 active-duty soldiers demands that the reserves be combat ready.

"With the recent cuts from the active Army, the role of the National Guard and Reserves grows in importance every day," said CSM Robert A. Whiteford.

Whiteford is command sergeant major of Sixth United States Army, which commands reserve operations in the 12 western states.

"That means the Reserves are going to have to shoulder a bigger part of the national defense," he added.

Sixth U.S. Army's chief of war plans, Lt. Col. Richard E. K. Brawn, said the Reserves' elevated role demands *more effective* training.

He also said paring-down the Army places more emphasis on NCO leadership.

Brawn said, "Each NCO has to make sure his soldier is trained and knows how to execute his battle drill, use equipment and survive on the battlefield."

He continued, "Each NCO is responsible—in his own way—for winning the battle."

He said Reserve NCOs have a tough training assignment because most reservists train only one weekend a month. Annual training for the



soldiers encompasses another two weeks, usually spent in the field.

"[Effective training] is harder to do in the Reserves, because each soldier has only 39 days a year to train," he explained.

"The active-duty soldier trains every day of the year. A Reserve [NCO] has the same job as an active-duty NCO, but with one additional task: take that citizen soldier and make him a battlefield soldier."

Lt. Col. William E. Myers, chief of unit training at the Sixth U.S. Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel, said that requires exceptional dedication of Reserve NCOs.

"Reserve NCOs have to be excellent managers of time because they have only 16 hours a weekend [to train]," he explained.

"That means the effective NCOs usually have to work on their [off-duty time] to organize training."

Brawn said he does not think of the Reserves as a force which stands behind the active component—perhaps a common perspective among active-duty soldiers.

"I think of them as the phalanx that draws up alongside the active Army," he said. "That means being a soldier in its totality."

Should the active-duty component be called to war, said Brawn, the Reserves may or may not be mobilized. The decision depends on the severity of the conflict, and the number of enemy soldiers U.S. troops would face.

"If enemy forces are overwhelming, then the last recourse is to mobilize the Reserve Component," he explained.

In mobilization, some reservists would replace garrison soldiers, who would go to the "front lines." Other reservists would move directly into battle. Up to one million reservists can be mobilized without an act of Congress, he noted.

A nationwide call the reservists, asking them to report to their armories, would go out if the Army went to war, Brawn said.

In emphasizing the importance of reservists in the national defense, Brawn points out that more than half of the U.S. infantry and armor is composed of reservists.

"People want those soldiers to be just as competent, well-equipped, well-trained and as capable of surviving on the battlefield as an active-duty soldier."

He concluded, "Second only to the readiness of the active component, is the readiness of the Reserves. Those are the soldiers that are going to be part of the front lines."

* Reserves, as used in this story, includes National Guardsmen.

Post Safety Day—a real lifesaver!



A fire extinguisher demonstration is just one of the activities planned for Safety Day.

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Every year, a battalion of United States soldiers become casualties before they have a chance to make it to a battlefield.

Hewn down in safety accidents the world over, according to the top officer at Headquarters Command Battalion, they rob themselves of good health and hinder the Army's ability to fight.

"It is unacceptable to maim or lose one soldier in an accident that could have been prevented," said battalion commander Lt. Col. John M. Razel. He said he recommends soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians concerned about safety, attend Post Safety Awareness Day, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The post Safety Office has set the day aside to instill in Presidians a greater awareness of safety problems and how to avoid them. In front of bldg. 34, (which houses United States Army Information Systems Command), numerous safety displays and demonstrations will be set up.

There, a courtesty safety check for personally owned vehicles and bicycles will be offered to Presidians, who also may use the opportunity to register their vehicles.

Children can be fingerprinted at the site, to help police keep them safe.

Demonstrations, said post safety officer Hosea T. Hopkins, will include teaching Presidians how to jump-start a vehicle safely, how to maintain a vehicle and how to use a fire extinguisher.

Hopkins said the Army is emphasizing safety "because people are our most valuable resource. If you lose people, you lose productivity and monetary resources."

Financial losses for each soldier's or DA civilian's death are enormous, Hopkins said. For instance, the death of an officer on flight status immediately draws $330,000 in benefits and other outlays to survivors, explained Hopkins.

A civilian employee's death draws $174,000, he added.

No one can measure the emotional costs to survivors, nor set a price on lives. What the Army can—and does—do, Hopkins said, is recognize each employee's worth to the service.

An expansive flip chart behind his desk conveys that message: *Provide a safe and healthful environment at all times for all installation personnel and others exposed to Army operations.*

That message, said the garrison Director of Plans, Training and Mobilization, has become a standard in all Army operations.

"Safety has recently become the sixth paragraph in the Army's traditional five paragraph field order," said Lt. Col. Timothy P. Gilbert.

"Our mission in the Army has become so complex, so dependent on personnel and expensive equipment, we cannot afford to lose either," he explained.

"In the crush of business, [some managers think that] it becomes just another thing of remember," Gilbert lamented. "But it's not just another thing to do; it's one of the most crucial aspects of a boss' job."

Razel agrees. "Safety is a function of leadership," he said. "That means you are constantly vigilant against unsafe acts."

The displays at Safety Awareness Day also will focus on fire safety, water safety, and drinking and driving. Red Cross workers will give classes on CPR at the site.

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Both are examples of things you can do that are easy to get to, enjoyable, healthy and don't use much energy.

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necessary milestones and allow the construction program to move forward."

When he first arrived on post, the 30-year veteran also instituted the post Ideas of Excellence Program which has since handled a thousand Presidian suggestions.

Rafferty's successor will soon have the Ideas Program and other customer service programs and issues on his agenda. The major issue is the imminent closing of the Presidio.

Said Rafferty, "It remains uncertain how the base closure action will affect the post. My hope is that whatever changes come about, they happen in a manner least disruptive to Presidio soldiers, civilians and their families."

[Editor's note: All Presidians are invited to tomorrow's 3:30 p.m. change of command ceremony for the Commander of the United States Army Garrison on the parade ground in front of Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, bldg. 38.]

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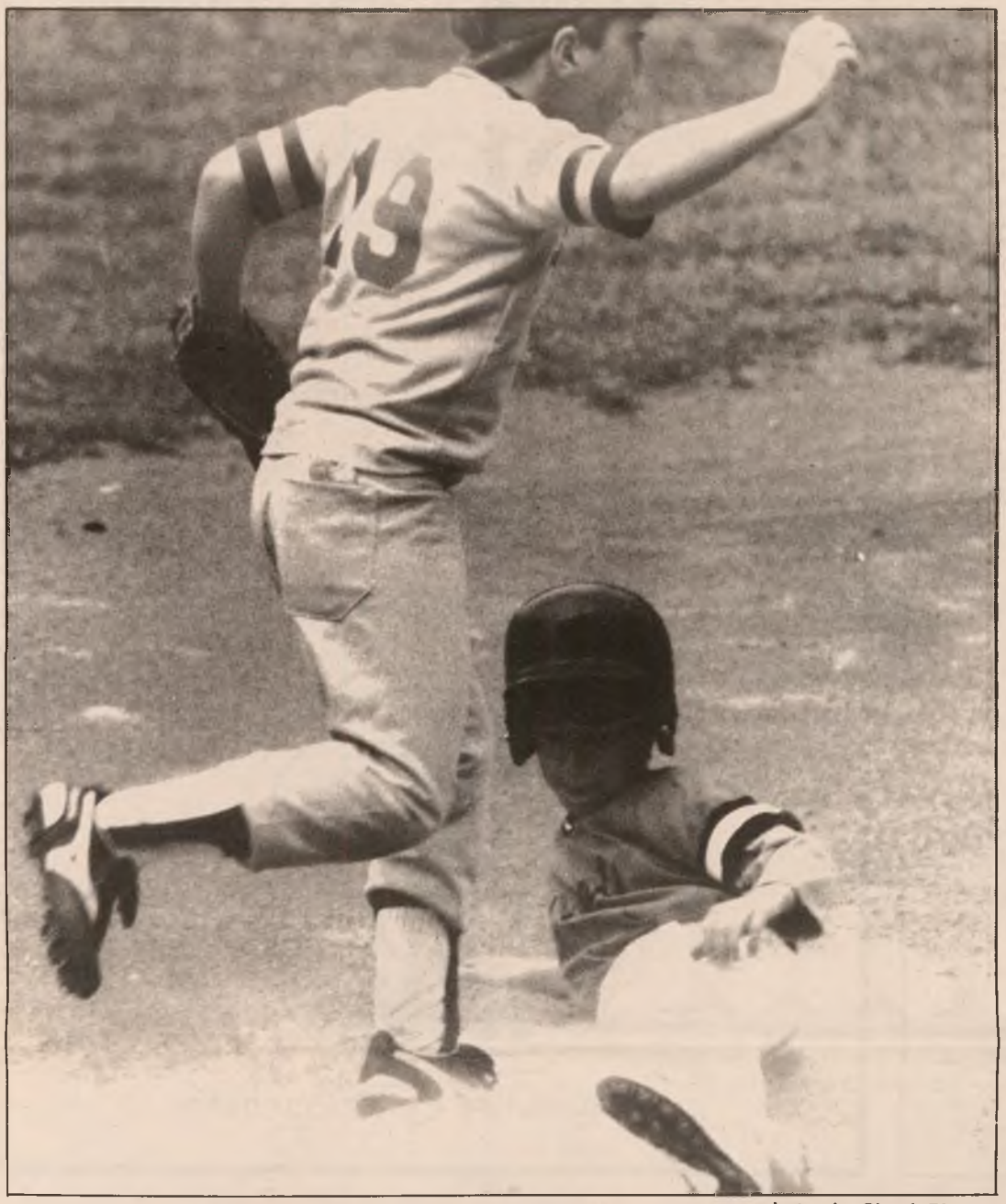
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Sports



John Vigna advances to third on a Giants base hit. photos by Chuck Blancet



Giants' first baseman, Jason Harlor, gets set behind a Stuart Hall runner.

Midget baseball heats up

The Presidio Giants finished first, at 7-0, in the post's Catholic Youth Organization Midget Baseball League with a season-ending win over Stuart Hall on May 9.

The fourth and fifth graders now head to Saturday's championship game at Pop Hicks Field. According to Head Coach John Vigna, the post youths learned the fundamentals of the game, including proper fielding techniques, tagging on a flyball, and the "team" concept.

"The biggest plus is that the kids developed confidence in their abilities," added Vigna.



Saturday's championship game will be held at 2 p.m. at Pop Hicks Field (at the end of Barnard Avenue, off Presidio Boulevard).



Adam LeCroy beats the throw to second base for Giants steal.

Sports Notes

Free tennis lessons

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For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at **561-5032.**

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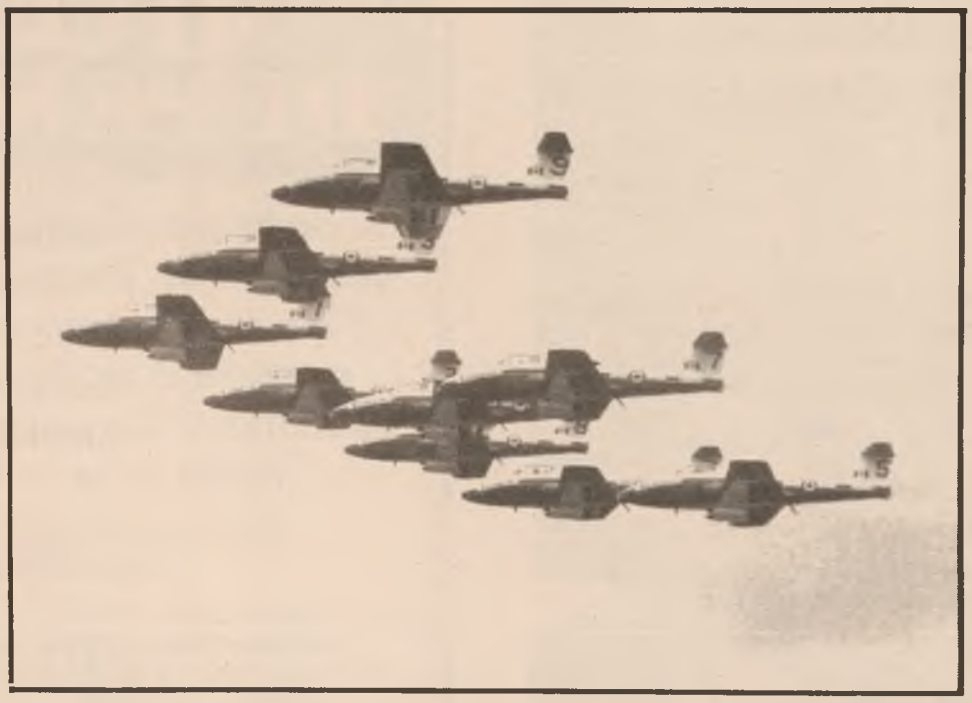


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The Wings of Victory air show '89 will be held on June 3 and 4 at Hamilton Army Air Field, Calif. More than 100 famous "warbirds" will be on display and in the air, with special performances by The Red Knight, Bob Hoover; Lefty Gardner's P-38; Coors' Silver Bullet; Julie Clark; Team America; and jet demo teams. ITT will be selling the tickets at a discount: $4.25 for adults and $2.25 for children. Gate prices will be $8 for adults and $4 for children. For information and tickets call **561-3992**.

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Teen dance

Presidio teens looking for dancing action are invited to the Youth Activities Graduates' Night Dance on May 27 from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost is $3 a person and each ID card holder may bring one guest. For a night of good sounds and special effects, plan on attending the dance at the Youth Activities Center, bldg. 1331.

Teen talent show

Auditions for the Youth Activities (YA) Teen Talent Show will be held Monday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center. If you can sing, dance, play and instrument, or have a special talent, come to the auditions.

For more information, call Deloris Moore, YA Program Director, at **561-5910**.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous is starting a new meeting at the Letterman Army Medical Center Chapel. Weekly meetings will be held Sunday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This is a 12-step program that helps people deal with compulsive overeating and related eating disorders. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. For information, call **647-5460**.

WAC vets party

Chapter 44 of the WAC will be celebrating their "birthday" on Saturday, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers' Club. On May 14, 1942, a bill in Congress enacted the Women's Army Corps and allowed women to join the Army. To join in the fun, call Mary Goodsell at **665-6919**. The cost is $10 for lunch.

Presidio Crisis Line

Need someone to talk to? The Presidio Crisis Line is staffed by people who want to hear from you, if you need help. Even if you just need to talk, there is always someone there to listen. Call **929-TALK**.

Sixth Army tournaments

Sixth Army will be sponsoring several athletic tournaments this month with all entry fees going to your local Army Emergency Relief (AER) Fund. Plans call for competition in bowling, racquetball, and slow-pitch softball. The softball tournament on May 31 at Fort Scott will feature an "over-the-hill" game between the sergeants major and the colonels beginning at noon. Bowling and racquetball matches are scheduled for May 26, 30, and 31.

Entry fees are $5 for individual events and $25 per team event.

For more information or to sign-up for an event, call the following sports coordinators:

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At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, May 18: Dead Bang (R), 7 p.m. Don Johnson, Penelope Ann Miller. An action-packed police thriller about a Los Angeles homocide detective obsessed with the capture of a cop-killer.

Fri, May 19: Dead Bang (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, May 20: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG), 7 p.m. Keanu Reeves, George Carlin. Two high school youths discover a time machine at their local convenience store and decide to use it to study history—live!

Sun, May 21: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, May 22: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, May 23: The Naked Gun (PG-13), 7 p.m. Leslie Nielson, Priscilla Presley. One of the most outrageous comedies of the year! An inept cop tangles with everything from terrorists to protecting the Queen of England.

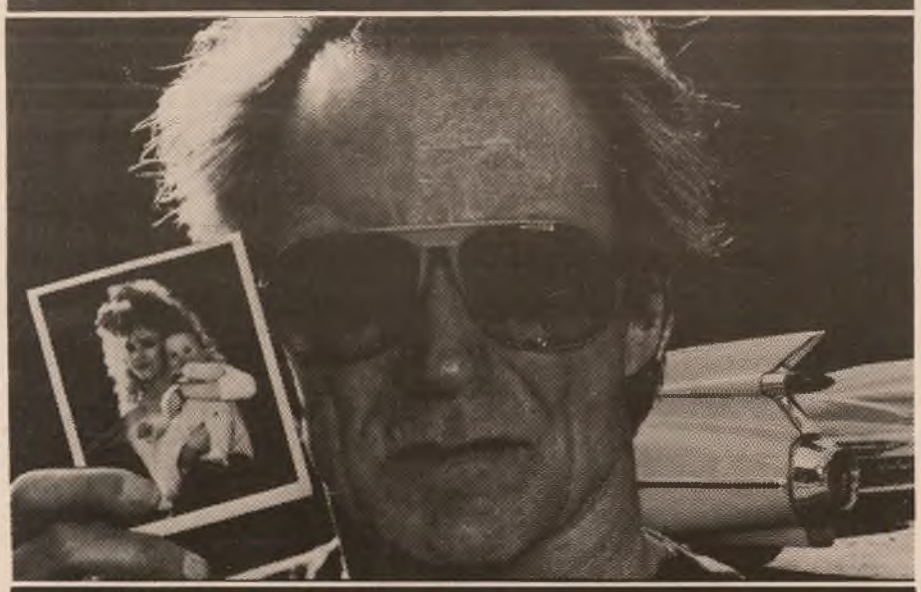
Wed, May 24: Farewell to the King (PG-13), 7 p.m. Nick Nolte, Nigel Havers. A WWII pilot, shot down over Japanese-controlled Borneo, installs himself as the leader of the island's natives and teaches them to fight the Japanese.

Thu,. May 25: Dead Calm (R), 7 p.m. Sam Neill, Nicole Kidman. A married couple sailing the Pacific discover that the sole survivor of a disabled yacht is a psychopathic killer.

Hamilton Theater

Fri,	**May 20**	**Tucker (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat,	**May 21**	**Battle of the Rock Lord (G)**	**1 p.m.**
Sat,	**May 21**	**Messenger of Death (R)**	**7 p.m.**

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News Briefs

Col. Swift takes command

Col. William D. Swift took command of the Presidio Garrison Headquarters on May 19 at a 3:30 p.m. change of command ceremony. Swift will be the focus of a *Star Presidian* article next week.

Memorial Day 1989

The San Francisco Citizens Committee for the Proper Observance of Memorial Day will sponsor the annual Memorial Day activities at the Golden Gate National Cemetery Monday.

Post soldiers will provide significant support for this time-honored event.

Activities start with a parade at 10:15 a.m. from the main parade ground parking lot to the ceremony site at the cemetery Cenotaph. A wreath will be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, also located at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

A 21 rifle salute will be fired after "My Buddy" is played and taps will follow.

An Air Force C-5A will salute the fallen Americans with a "fly by" at noon. Also at noon, at Pershing Square, a 21 cannon salute will be fired.

Volksmarch volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with the June 3 Army Days Volksmarch. For information call Lt. Col. Manuel P. Mier at 561-4648.

Self-Help Center

The Self-Help Center will be operating on a limited schedule Wednesday and June 1 due to a FORSCOM workshop being held on these days.

Commissary closed

The Presidio Commissary will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Library closed

The post library will be closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Self Help closed

The Self-Help Center will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. For more information, call Sgt. John W. Longstreet, Self-Help Center NCOIC, at 561-4118.

Commissary Council

The Commissary Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., June 2, in the Commissary Conference Room, bldg. 252.

Newspaper deadline

Anyone submitting material to the newspaper must be sure it is received by the *Star Presidian* staff by the close of business **Thursday** for publication the following week.

Be sure that anything you submit is typed, double-spaced, uses civilian times and dates and includes a first name for the point of contact. Without this your item may be delayed or even sent back to have these things added by you.

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The Sixth U.S. Army Band led off the Armed Forces' bands at the May 17 parade through San Francisco.

Armed Forces parade hits S.F.

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Hundreds of San Franciscans in the Financial District knew of two different parades on May 17: in a newspaper box near the corner of Market and Fifth streets, the *San Francisco Examiner* headline screamed "700,000 march in Bejing streets."

A parade demanding democracy.

A United States Air Force Drill Team, Army and Navy bands and a Marine Corps marching unit, filed past the newspaper boxes and hundreds of spectators.

A parade celebrating democracy—the Armed Forces Week Parade.

Marking the 40th anniversary of Armed Forces Week, the parade was a tribute to servicemembers and the country they defend.

Grand Marshals for the noon event were San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos and Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., commander of Sixth United States Army and the Presidio.

"Keeping America Strong" was the theme of this year's parade, which began at the intersection of California and Market streets.

A Joint Services Color Guard, in service dress uniforms, led the six-block long procession through the Financial District's brownstone banks and skyscrapers.

The Sixth U.S. Army band, "Born of War" in 1941, followed the guard.

Fort Ord "Wolf Hounds," soldiers from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry, next trooped by, under a canopy of camouflage. The soldiers were representing "Light Fighters" from the California fort's 7th Infantry Division (Light).

The U.S. Army Reserve was next in review, represented by the 91st Division Band from Fort Baker, Calif.

Perhaps the most "elite" unit in the affair followed: the Marine Corps sent a marching squad from the Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, headquartered at Mare Island. The anti-terrorism team trains sailors and Marines in security measures.

Other units in the parade included: the 33-member Navy Band of San Francisco; sailors representing the Navy Technical Training Center at Treasure Island; the 67th Army Band from Cheyenne, Wy.; from Fairfield, Calif. the Travis Air Force Base 504th Air Force Band; and Travis Air Force Base Precision Drill Team.

At one point in the procession, a 50-yard gap separated two marching units. The Coast Guard asked parade organizers to leave the space since they couldn't attend; the Coast Guard members were marching up and down the Alaskan coastline instead—working to clean up the nation's worst oil spill.

The crowd voiced their approval as cheers resounded for the men and women thousands of miles away.

At another point in the parade, a quarter scale model F-16 fighter plane was driven over the route by Tech. Sgt. John Lockhart, from the 3566th Recruiting Squadron, San Mateo, Calif.

From Salt Lake City, Utah, came The 23rd Army Band, representing the Army National Guard.

In the grand finale, 50 state flags were carried by men and women from all branches of the Armed Forces. The Army component was represented by Presidio Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison.

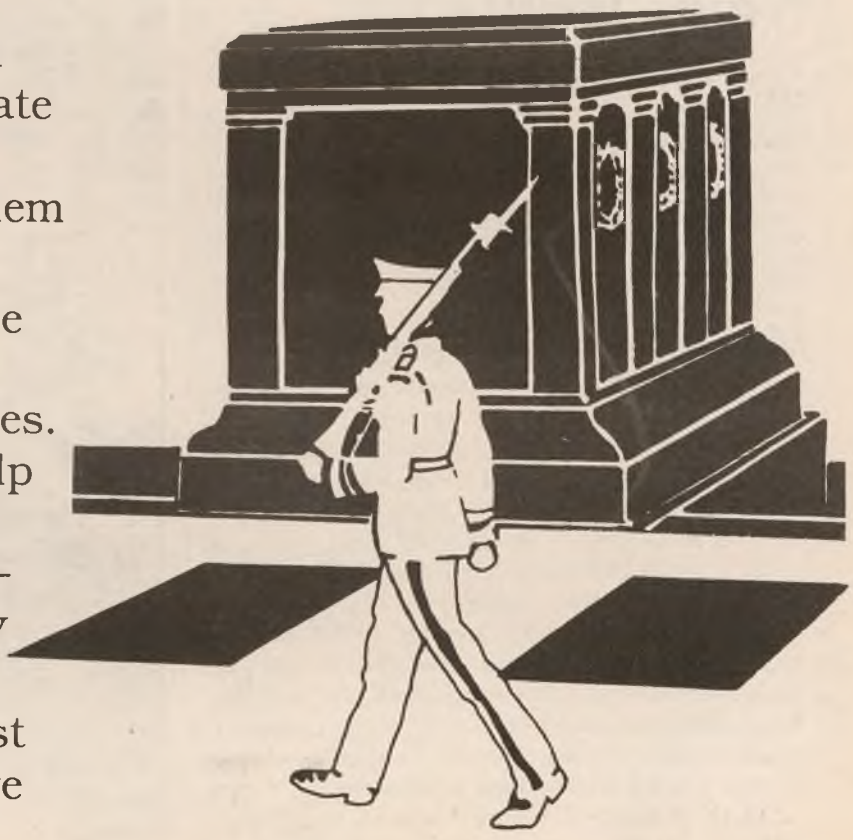
After the last troops had passed, a Vietnam veteran, Army Reserve Spec. Joseph J. Chinier, said the parade "was very heart-rending. It's

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Voices

The President's Memorial Day Message

On Memorial Day, the citizens of the United States pause to reflect upon the courage and selflessness of the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our Nation. These heroes paid the ultimate price to ensure that their fellow Americans could continue to live in "freedom's holy light." We owe them our eternal gratitude.



As we honor those Americans who have made the supreme sacrifice in service to our country, we also salute you, the current members of our Armed Forces. By protecting our Nation's hard-won liberty, you help to ensure that the sacrifices of those who have gone before us were not made in vain. Your sense of purpose, professionalism, personal courage, and loyalty are an inspiration to us all.

As Commander in Chief, I proudly salute the past and present members of our Armed Forces who have so faithfully defended freedom -- the only sure foundation for peace -- around the world. Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

George Bush
President

Ramblin' Sam

"What does the Army contribute to the Bay Area?"



Capt. Katharine Kelly, recovery room nurse, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I think the Army contributes a professional image to the civilians here."



Victoria Fernandez, sales representative associated with Army and Air Force Exchange Service: "A sense of history, business, a lot of jobs: I see a lot of men in uniform walking around restaurants in the city."



Lawrence D. Bowen, deputy director, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities: "We contribute innumerable civic action types of projects. We maintain a park for the city of San Francisco. We're available for emergencies. When schools in the area want to use ball fields we help them out there, too. We're an all-around good neighbor."



Sgt. Paul Dow, assistant NCOIC, Command Conference Facility, Battalion Support Element, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison: "Letterman [Army Medical Center] contributes to the retirees here. Being born and raised in San Francisco, I know there are a lot of retirees in the city. If the hospital were closed down, those retirees would have to look outside for medical help, and sometimes that can be pretty hard to find."

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Presidio

Qs and As on closure

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Responses to the *Star Presidian* survey on base closure have been steadily pouring into the newspaper office. Many Presidians have sent coupons back to us asking questions about what will happen when the Army leaves the Presidio. Many questions were too specific to be answered in a newspaper article, but others have been repeated time and again by *Star Presidian* readers.

If you would like to submit some of your questions, just complete the coupon and send it to the *Star Presidian;* Public Affairs Office, room 214, bldg. 37. We are still compiling responses and will continue to do so for several months.

The questions below are among the most common questions the newspaper has received.

Q: When will the Presidio close?

A: According to the Base Closure and Realignment Act, all military bases on the closure list cannot begin to move their activities before Sept. 30, 1991. All moves must be completed by Sept. 30, 1995.

Q: What will happen to Letterman Army Medical Center?

A: The Department of the Army plans to close LAMC. A migration plan detailing how people and equipment will be distributed is still being reviewed.

Q: If the Presidio closes, will I be out of a job?

A: Department of Army civilians working on the post fall into two categories; those who will be given an option to transfer with their relocating organizations and those whose organizations are being deactivated who will receive Reduction in Force (RIF) notices. Employees who are being RIFed will be given written notification far in advance of the date they would be displaced.

Q: Will the Army help me find a new job?

A: Yes! If you have been reading the *Star Presidian* you already know the Civilian Personnel Directorate is making plans to help Presidio employees. CPD is holding workforce briefings to let everyone know what to expect. They also will be setting up a base closure "hotline" and a job-outplacement office. The Department of the Army has said repeatedly they do not want to lose good employees and they plan on helping them find new jobs. The Civilian Personnel Directorate is optimistic about post employees finding employment.

Q: What will happen to the Commissary and the Post Exchange?

A: No one knows yet. The future of the Commissary and PX at the Presidio is being worked out between TSA, AAFES and DA.

Q: What will happen to the cemetery?

A: Since the Golden Gate National Cemetery is not part of the Presidio, no changes are expected at this time.

If you want your concerns addressed, fill out the attached coupon and send it in.

I am ☐ military ☐ civilian

My three biggest concerns regarding the Presidio being on the base closure list are:

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Comments? _____



Lujan discusses Presidio's future

by Tom R. MacKenzie

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan visited the Presidio May 17 to discuss the potential transfer of the installation to the Department of the Interior and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

He described the Presidio as a "beautiful piece of real estate," and mentioned the estimated $16 million dollars it may cost to run the Presidio.

In his statement, he withdrew comments he had made earlier regarding the use of the housing by Department of Defense. He now leans more toward possibly using the housing for Park Service personnel and not letting the military keep the housing.

Fort Scott also would be an ideal site for a training center for National Park Service people, according to Lujan.

His visit was interrupted by a small group of environmentalists protesting oil drilling off the coasts of California and Alaska. Lujan politely listened to the groups' complaints and finished his remarks.

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs as VRA or 30 percent disabled veterans).

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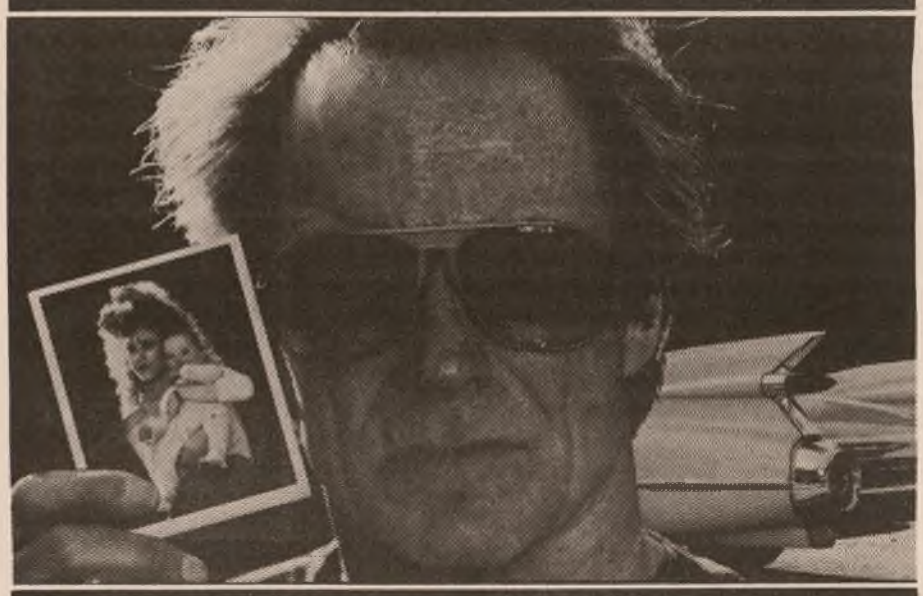
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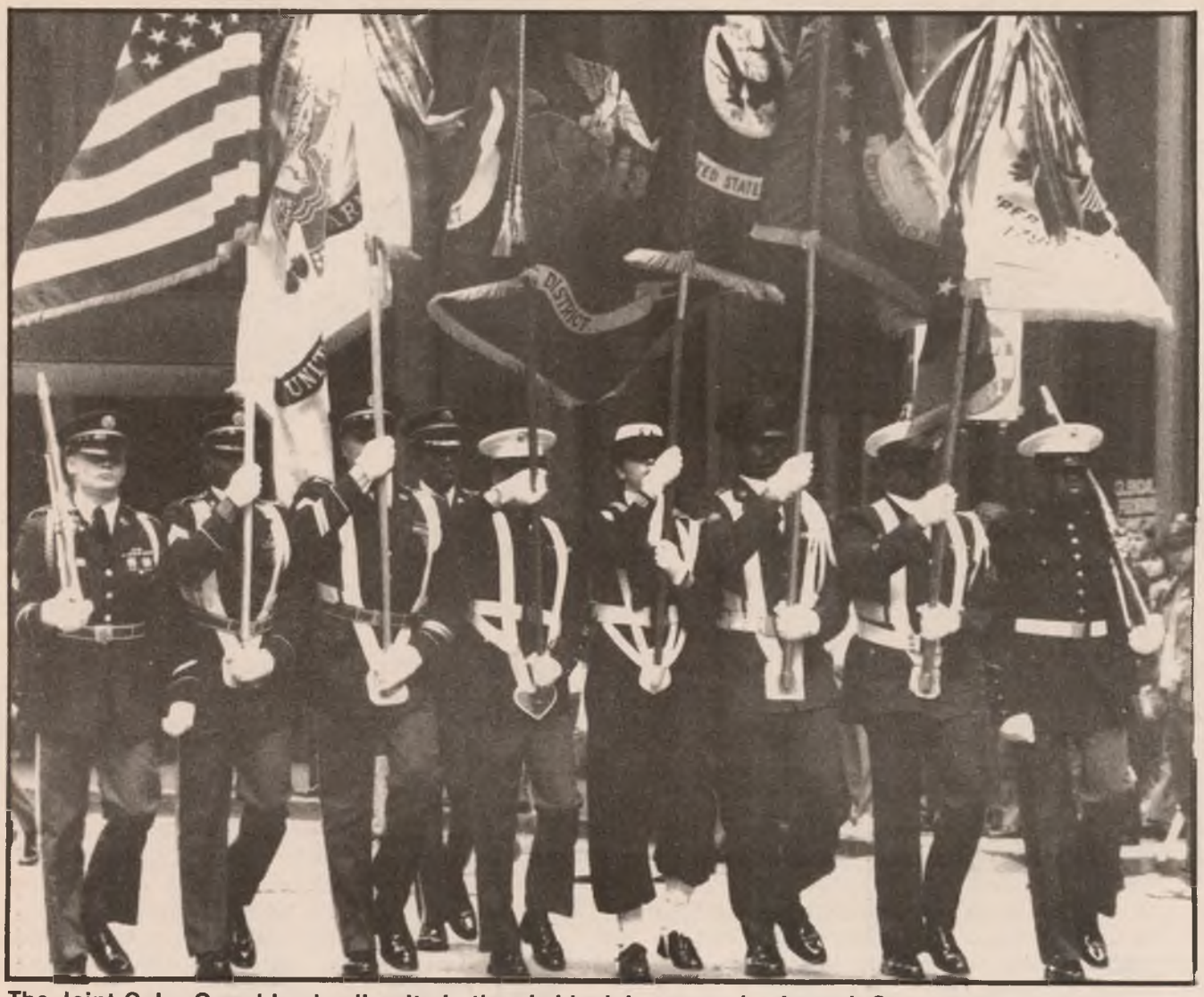
something older veterans need to reacquaint themselves with."

A flight coordinator with the 343rd Medical Detachment at Hamilton Army Air Field, Chinier added, "To experience an event like this is quite memorable. It brings everything full circle; to watch the soldiers marching proudly, to hear the old Army songs again . . .

There were two bands of marchers on May 17, separated by thousands of miles, yet tied to a single precious word: "democracy."



Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Lockhart from the 3566th Recruiting Squadron, San Mateo, jetted down the parade route with a quarter scale model of an F-16 fighter.



The Joint Color Guard leads all units in the six-block long parade through San Francisco.

Armed Forces Week

Oakland A's hit one for the military

story and photos by Pleasant Lindsey III

Children huddled beneath their parents' protective arms as massive, grey clouds moved over the gathering. Suddenly, a ray of sunshine pierced the morning chill; the modern gladiators parted from their practice field as brilliant costumed warriors marched onto the turf playing majestic music and carrying colorful banners high and proud.

If you weren't there; you missed out.

Baseball fans were sent to the height of excitement when the Sixth U.S. Army Band led a joint services procession onto the Oakland Coliseum field to open the game between the Boston Red Sox and the Oakland A's May 20.

The sun broke through the clouds to warm up temperatures; the Sixth Army Band and the Presidio Salute Battery fired up the fans' spirits; and pitcher Dave Stewart and the A's cooled off Boston 6-3.

The ceremony began at 12:40 when the joint services band marched onto the field and played a medley of military standards and service songs. The Sixth U.S. Army Band was directed by CW4 James Choate and was joined by the Navy Band of San Francisco under the direction of Ensign Don Keller. The directors took turns directing both bands.

Then the starting lineup for the game was announced, and the audience was treated to more military spectacle.

A joint procession of soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen marched onto the field carrying the 50 state flags. They were led by SSgt. Sheldon W. Martin of Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, Presidio of San Francisco.

Once Martin had the flag bearers from single ranks on either side of the combined band, a Joint Service Color Guard, led by Sgt. Richard Boddie of the Presidio's Ceremonial Platoon, marched to the center of the gathering to present the flag of the United States for the National Anthem.

But even before the anthem could be played, the Presidio Salute Battery fired an 11-gun salute with 75-mm mortars. (The children seemed to get a big bang out of that!)

After the anthem, a Coast Guard CH-5 helicopter performed a flyover, and the first game ball was thrown out by Sgt. Jaime Flores of Law Enforcement Company, Sixth Army's NCO of the Year, to conclude the ceremony.

Finally, at 1:05 p.m., the umpire yelled "Play ball!" and 40,000-plus fans sat back under the warm California sun and watched the Oakland A's put on a hot spectacle of their own.



CW4 James Choate, Sixth U.S. Army Band, leads combined band in opening ceremonies for the May 20 Oakland A's game.



Spec. James Hunt and Spec. Jimmy Benton practice the firing sequence on one of the salute battery's 75-mm mortars.

S.F. city groups honor servicemembers

by Joel P. Smith

The Sixth U.S. Army Commander told a crowd of 400 at the May 16 Armed Forces Week Luncheon at San Francisco's St. Francis-Westin Hotel, there are servicemembers today investing their lives in freedom, and the attendees were there to honor them.

The noon occasion drew together exceptional servicemembers from all five Armed Forces, as well as distinguished civilians, in a tribute to the 40th anniversary of Armed Forces Day.

In the Grand Ballroom of the hotel, Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr. told the crowd that servicemembers had earned a moment of recognition.

"This is a great affair for our [servicemembers]," he remarked. "We can enjoy peace at home because we are strong. In the words of John F. Kennedy, 'We can afford to be strong. We cannot afford to be weak.'"

Col. Louis Rose, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Sixth U.S. Army, noted how fleeting peace can be for a soldier.

"Today I'm in wonderful downtown San Francisco celebrating Armed Forces Week," said Rose. "Tomorrow I could be in Panama."

Rose said the event gave others a chance to honor a servicemembers' dedication. "Armed Forces Day commemorates our joint services. It's a way for the civilian community to say, 'Thank you,' to all services."

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos said the luncheon "was a time for gratitude because [servicemembers] are working toward peace for the whole Earth.

"It's a time for all of us in San Francisco to show our appreciation," Agnos continued.

The affair was sponsored by the San Francisco Rotary Club, the Bay Area military commanders, the Association of the United States Army, and tens of commercial enterprises.

In the hotel's Italian Room, the Sixth U.S. Army Band Combo played at an 11:30 a.m. reception for the servicemembers. The Trumpeteers, also with the band, formally announced the noon posting of the colors by a Joint Color Guard, commanded by Sgt. Richard L. Boddie. Boddie is a ceremonial team leader with Presidio Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison.

Later, during lunch, the U.S. Army Field Band Soldier Chorus entertained the servicemembers and their hosts, SGM Lance H. Sweigart, a soloist with the chorus, said the luncheon was "a place to express how you feel about your country."

He said, "Here, we're with our brothers in arms and that makes you feel pretty good inside."

Bonanza

Once a year it's Bay to Breakers madness



Bay to Breakers: Yes, people from *all* walks of life ran Bay to Breakers.

story and photos by Herb Helzer

It was a mobile Mardi Gras; a nonstop party; a city wide celebration o freedom and fitness for more than 100,000 runners, joggers, walkers, rollers and bystanders.

It also was the largest display of lycra spandex running apparel ever gathered together in one place.

It, of course, was the 78th annual Examiner Bay to Breakers, the world-famous 12-kilometer road race/costume party, run Sunday from downtown San Francisco to the Great Highway at the end of Golden Gate Park.

The 1989 race featured a number of Presidians in various roles, from volunteers on the "Human Wall" which held back the eager throngs before the start of the race, to a couple of seeded runners. Some of their stories will be told next week.

It is next to impossible to describe just how wild this race really is—try to imagine the studio audience from 'Let's Make A Deal', multiplied by 1,000 and all running down the road together, costumes and all.

From celebrity imitators to rejects from the Black & White Ball to animals to household objects to current events to the just plain weird, The City woke up early Sunday morning and decided to get crazy.

Beyond the party atmosphere, of course, there was a real race, in which a carefully-selected field of seeded runners (including a couple of Presidians) competed for trophies and two BMWs. Arturo Barrios of Mexico was the overall winner—for the third time in a row—with a time of 34 minutes, 40 seconds. The womens' champion was Ingrd Kristiansen of Norway, who ran her first Bay o Breakers in 39:16. Oddly enough, she didn't preview the course. She told television newscasters she knew it was 12K and there were hills; that was enough.

But the vast majority of the people who turned out were there for the fun rather than the competition. The costumes though a bit more commical than in previous years (with a number of corporations sponsoring centipede teams or other groups), were still quite creative.

The race was a cross-section of humanity: From infants in strollers pushed by their parents to grandmothers and grandfathers (some of whom did not do badly at all); people all over the U.S. and many foreign countries decided to join the Bay to Breakers race/party/costume Ball.

Amazingly, everyone was model of courtesy, getting out of the way of strollers and wheelchairs, helping fallen runners (the debris on the roads was a constant hazard) and generally being nice to one another.

Some of the more interesting sights this year included:

Animals ranging from alley cats to zebras, from gorillas to lobsters, from Oregon snails to Land Sharks—and of course, Lions and Tigers and Bears (oh, my)—(not to mention the four runners dressed as the characters from *The Wizard Of Oz.*

Celebrity imitators were quite popular as well; Pete Rose; a dozen Dolly Partons; several former and current presidents; three separate Batmans chasing one Joker; and even this year's unofficial Grand Marshal, Elvis Presley (wherever he's at).

Fruit was well-represented, from bananas for the gorilla to Alar-covered apples.

Other current events themes included the centipede of "Iranian mullahs" waving a giant copy of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses;* a few barbed commentaries aimed at Exxon, and the "mud people", some of whom were running dressed *only* in mud....

The most poignant statement was by a lone runner, silently running and waving a white flag, which read "Support Tiananmen Freedom"—a reminder of an entirely different mass gathering going on in Beijing.

Still, nothing could put a damper on such an outpouring of frivolity, and most of the participants now can put their costumes away until next spring, when the silliness will strike again.



Bay to Breakers runners come in all shapes and conditions, as evidenced by these stomach-aid costumes.



Even the whales share the Bay to Breakers mania.

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Sports

All Army track team to pick the 'winners'

story and photo by Steve Morey

After weeks of sweat and dedication, the 1989 All Army Track and Field team on post will be selected tomorrow, May 26. According to the squad's coach, several first-year Army athletes will be among the final 37.

"We've got a real good group of folks here [at the All Army Track and Field Trial Camp]," said Maj. Charles Greene, a fifth-year coach from Fort Meade, Md. "The camaraderie I've seen this year has been excellent. It'll be tough for my staff and I to make the final cuts."

In 1988, an Olympic year, nearly 75 soldier-athletes from all over the world came to the post trials. This year, only 40 soldiers are trying out.

The men and women have been living on post since late April. However, their training agenda has taken them all over the Bay Area: San Francisco State University (SFSU), San Jose State University and Vallejo High School.

"We always stress to the soldiers that our objective, our mission, is to win," continued Greene. "The coaching staff makes sure each individual gives it their all during practice."

At a recent session at Vallejo High School, the afternoon sun baked the orange track surface and well-groomed football field. Fifteen All Army athletes didn't seem to mind.

"The weather suits me just fine," said a smiling Kathleen Ezell, a first-year, 800- and 1500-meter runner from the 385th Military Police Battalion in West Germany.

"It's 10 degrees warmer in Vallejo than on the Presidio. I find it easier to run faster because my muscles are warmer; more relaxed."

According to Coach Greene, Ezell has an inside track to make The Athletic Congress nationals in mid-June. But All Army's first concern is the Armed Forces Championship, from June 6 through 8 at SFSU and Vallejo High School.

"We should win the Armed Forces Championship," predicted Ezell, who was not on the 1988 team which took both the men's and women's crowns. It was the first Army men's title in seven years.

1st Sgt. Bob Miller, from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is the team's distance coach and first sergeant. "We expect to win, maybe not by a large margin, but win just the same. We have the quality—few in number [compared to 1988], but *quality* athletes."

Ezell added, "It's important to stay away from personal goals. Our goal, as a team, is to win the interservice meet."

All Army's shot-putter, also at his first trial camp, said he's keeping the team concept in mind. However, Chris Parks said he hopes to at least match his personal best toss of 57 feet, 3 inches at the Armed Forces meet.



John Register, 110-meter hurdler, from Fort Gordon, Ga., competes against Forika McDougald at Vallejo High School, Vallejo, Calif.

"I'm steadily improving every week. If I surpass my mark, that would make my day," said Parks, from Company D, 313 Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Another first year competitor is Laura Edmark, who is the Army's number one runner at 3,000 and 5,000 meters. "I feel great. My [interservice opponents] will really have a hard time keeping up with me," Edmark said after finishing a half-dozen laps around the track.

"Another four weeks behind everybody and we're going to be real tough to beat!" she added. "When we get together to train, everybody supports each other extremely well, just like a family."

According to the team's sprinter coach, the squad does nearly everything together. The soldiers eat meals on post together, share the same barracks (bldg. 101) and warm up before a practice as a group.

SSgt. Tyrone Goslee, from Fort Knox, Ky., along with Greene and Miller, also emphasize to the squad that they're soldiers first, then athletes.

Goslee said knowing that helps when it comes down to making tomorrow's final cuts. "I call the soldier into the office and tell them, 'You came here and gave it your best. There's nothing personal—strictly business,' like a job interview."

Goslee added that those soldiers who don't make the cut are offered a chance to make the next year's team. The coaching staff prepares a training schedule which helps aspiring All Army athletes train at their units.

"We want the best team to represent us each year, but we never forget about those soldiers who didn't quite make the cut," concluded Goslee.

Sports Notes

Sixth Army tournaments

Sixth Army will be sponsoring several athletic tournaments this month with all entry fees going to your local Army Emergency Relief (AER) Fund. Plans call for competition in bowling, racquetball, and slow-pitch softball. The softball tournament Wednesday at Fort Scott will feature and "over-the-hill" game between the sergeants major and the colonels beginning at noon. Bowling and racquetball matches are scheduled for tomorrow, May 26, Tuesday and Wednesday

Entry fees are $5 for individual events and $25 per team event.

For more information or to sign-up for an event, call the following sports coordinators:

- **Racquetball**
  MSgt. Laventure.....561-4996
- **Bowling**
  SGM Vales.....561-4700
- **Softball**
  SGM Freeman.....561-3660
- **E-9 vs. 0-6 game**
  SGM Dunn.....561-4145

For more information, call Bobbie Gascon at **561-5032.**

Softball season opening delayed

The opening of the post softball season will be delayed, according to Bobbie Gascon, sports director for the post.

The contract has not been let for officials, explained Gascon. The units participating said they'd rather wait until paid officials can be present for the game, he said.

However, the Post Memorial Day Softball Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday for both Fort Scott fields, he noted. Finals will be Sunday.

For more information, call the Sports Branch at **561-4120.**

No skateboarding on tennis courts

Skateboarding is not allowed on any Presidio tennis courts. The wheels of the skateboards damage the coated surface of these courts. There are plans to have a designated skateboard area on post in the future.

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Education Center GI Bill deadline

Beginning Dec. 1, 1988, soldiers who entered active duty, to include Active Guard/Reserve, between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1988, and declined participation in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) were given second opportunity to enroll in the program. This "open window" enrollment ends June 30, 1989.

Soldiers who still want to enter the program during the open window must:

- Have first become a service members or first come on active duty between July 1, 1985 and June 30, 1988;
- Have remained on continuous active duty without a break in service and be on active duty during the "open window," Dec. 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989;
- Have not participated in the loan repayment program;
- Not be a military academy graduate or a ROTC scholarship graduate;
- Have $1,200 in basic pay which can be reduced from their pay before separation; or if they have fewer than 12 months active duty remaining, be willing to pay $1,200 or the difference between $1,200 and their available basic pay.

Soldiers taking advantage of the "open window" period but who are unable to complete their period of active duty obligation, under certain circumstances, may pay the balance in order for basic pay to be reduced by $1,200 or receive reduced MGIB benefits based upon the amount of basic pay actually reduced or the period of service completed.

For more information, call the Fort Scott Army Education Center, bldg. 1216, at **561-4445**, or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, at **561-3693**. To enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill, call Willie Floyd at **561-3035**, or visit the Personnel Service Branch, bldg. 87.

Teen dance

Presidio teens looking for dancing action are invited to the Youth Activities Graduates' Night Dance on Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost is $3 a person and each ID card holder may bring one guest. For a night of good sounds and special effects, plan on attending the dance at the Youth Activities Center, bldg. 1331.



Girl Scouts photo by Joel P. Smith

Teresa M. Gordon digs a home for a plant outside bldg. 102, Finance and Accounting Office, May 16. Gordon was one of several Girl Scout Juniors, with Presidio Troop 1522, that adorned to building's front with 120 flowers.

S.F. State classes on post

Two San Francisco State University courses are being offered on the Presidio this summer. One satisfies the general education requirement for English composition. The other, American government, satisfies the social science requirement.

Tuition Assistance is available for eligible soldiers who will pay $63.75 plus books for each course. The cost to others is $255 plus books per course.

To register, see a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, **561-4445**, or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, **561-4791**.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop Flea Market and Saturday opening will be June 3 by bldg. 204 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table, valid ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an extra charge for additional space. No reservations are needed.

The Thrift Shop is understaffed and needs volunteers. The Thrift Shop will pay bridge tolls and child care to all volunteers.

Crisis Line

The Presidio Crisis Line has set the dates for its next volunteer training program.

The 16-hour program will meet at Army Community Service, bldg. 914, on June 7, 6 to 9 p.m.; June 10, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and June 14, from 6 to 9 p.m.

People interested in attending this training program should call Nancy Niederhauser at ACS, **561-5155** or **561-5156**, by June 5.

Ballet lessons

There are still openings in the Youth Activities ballet class for youngsters 6 through 9 years old. Classes are held in bldg. 1390, next to the Fort Scott Chapel. Youngsters can attend once a week for $30 a month, twice a week for $36 a month, or three times a week for $42 a month.

For more information, call the instructor, Helen Piernik at **994-0681** between noon and 2 p.m.

Farewell Tea

There will be a Farewell Tea honoring Joan P. Moore on June 8. The tea will be held in the ballroom of the Officers' Club from 3 to 5 p.m. Reservations must be made before June 5 by calling Joyce Teague at **561-3778**. Everyone is invited.

ITT news

The Wings of Victory Air Show '89 will be June 3 and 4 at Hamilton Army Air Field. More than 100 famous "warbirds" will be on display and in the air. Special performances by the Red Knight, Bob Hoover, Lefty Gardner's P-38, Coors' Silver Bullet, Julie Clark, Team America, and jet demo teams will be featured.

ITT will be selling tickets at a discount, $4.25 for adults and $2.25 for children. Gate prices will be $8 for adults and $4 for children.

ITT will special order the following discounted tickets for you with prepayment: Joffrey Ballet at the War Memorial Opera House on July 6 or 8, and the San Francisco Symphony Pops on July 21, 26, and August 2. Excellent seats for the Joffrey Ballet are discounted to $26 (reg. $30) and the Symphony Pops seats are $21 (reg. $25). The deadlire to order is June 5.

Great America tickets are still available at a $5.20 discount off the gate price of $17.95. Good Any-Day tickets provide unlimited used of all rides, shows and attractions. Adult ticket prices are $12.75; children's tickets (3 to 6 years old) are $8.25; children younger than 2 years old are admitted free.

Call ITT for more information at **561-3992**.

MacIntosh Group

The next meeting of the Presdio MacIntosh Users Group will be June 6 (the first Tuesday of the month) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Marketing/Graphics, bldg. 667, above Outdoor Recreation.

Other meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. in the same building for a more in-depth look at specific programs and applications.

For more information, call Vicki Cowan at **561-4560**, or Mark Gumbiner at **561-2528**.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu,. May 25: Dead Calm (R), 7 p.m. Sam Neill, Nicole Kidman. A married couple sailing the Pacific discover that the sole survivor of a disabled yacht is a psychopathic killer.

Fri, May 26: Dead Calm (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, May 27: Skin Deep (R), 7 p.m. John Ritter, Vincent Gardenia. A comedy about a hard-drinking, womanizing writer who courts disaster when his irresponsible ways finally catch up with him.

Sun, May 28: Skin Deep (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, May 29: Skin Deep (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, May 30: American Ninja III (R), 7 p.m. Steve James, David Bradley. A criminal genius develops a deadly virus which he plans to inject into the winner of a world karate championship competition.

Wed, May 31: American Ninja III (R), 7 p.m.

Thu, June 1: Rooftops (R), 7 p.m. Troy Beyer, Jason Gedrick. Adventure and romance are blended in a swirling fusion of music, dance and martial arts.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, May 26: Eight Men Out (PG)
Sat, May 27: Batteries Not Included (PG)
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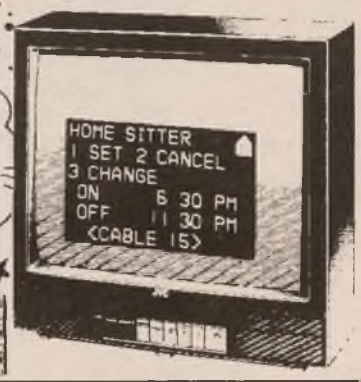
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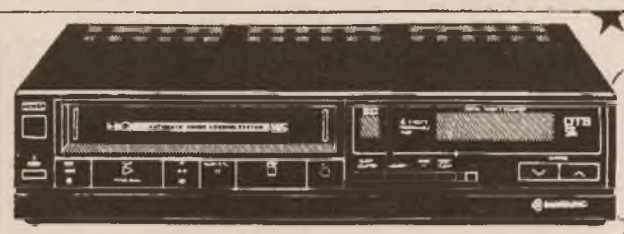
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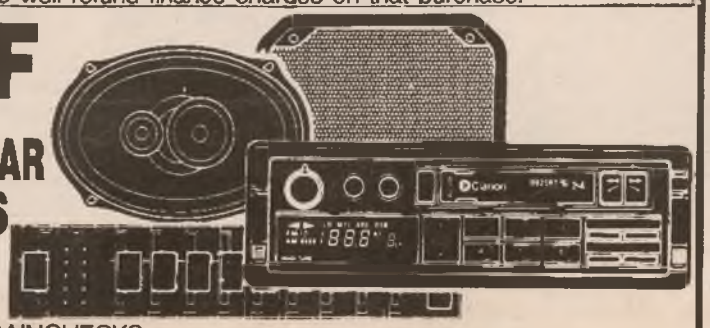
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News Briefs

Commissary Council

The Commissary Council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, June 2, in the Commissary Conference Room, bldg. 252.

Blood drives

The LAMC/LAIR blood drive will be held June 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and June 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Schwartz Theater, LAMC. A free cholesterol test will be given at the same time.

Golf tournament

The Presidio Golf Tournament sponsored by the Comptroller will be held on June 9. All military, and DA civilians assigned to The Presidio, and retirees are invited to participate. Tee-off at the first and 10th tees will be at 11 a.m. All golfers will assemble at starter's shed at 10:30 a.m.

The first 80 participants will be included in the tourney. Cut-off date for participation will be at the close of business June 7. For information, call George Morrison, Director of Resource Management, 561-4101 or 561-2440.

Gate closure explained

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing reports that the Lombard Gate was closed last week for road repairs.

Correction

Last week's *Star Presidian* listed Memorial Day events in the news brief column. The listings were correct but the cemetery was not. The San Francisco National Cemetery, not the Golden Gate National Cemetery was the site for these events. The *Star Presidian* staff apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused the post community.

Attention RV owners

Any recreation vehicle, race car, dune buggy, camper trailer, dirt bike or boat owned by Presidians (and not used for daily transportation) must not be parked in the family housing area. The RV lot has been renovated and will be able to handle residents' vehicles. Call the Provost Marshal Vehicle Registration desk at 561-3811.

Newspaper deadline

Anyone submitting material to the newspaper must be sure it is received by the *Star Presidian* staff by the close of business **Thursday** for publication the following week.

Be sure that anything you submit is typed, double-spaced, uses civilian times and dates and includes a first name for the point of contact. Without this your item may be delayed or even sent back to have these things added by you.

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Saluting the colors during the May 19 change of command ceremony are (l to r) Lt. Gen. James E. Moore, Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander; Col. Joseph V. Rafferty, outgoing "El Commandante"; and Col. William D. Swift, the new "El Commandante."

Col. Swift takes command

by Liz Greeley

The Presidio's new Garrison Commander is an officer with broad experience, including three Vietnam tours as a combat helicopter pilot. Col. William D. Swift took command as Presidio Garrison Commander on May 19.

If one believes in the stereotype of the irreverent, macho, risk-taking chopper pilot from the movies... prepare to be disappointed.

Swift quickly disappoints those who might expect him to be an irreverent, macho, elitist chopper pilot. Well, maybe he is irreverent... just a little,

Okay, if he isn't macho, bragging chopper pilot who likes to tell of exploits in Vietnam. Then who is he?

Well, he's someone who seems to put people first on his priorty list—especially as the new Garrison Commander.

Garrison Commander

Now that he's Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison Commander, what does he hope to accomplish?

"I think the main thing is to impress upon the folks that we're not going anywhere tomorrow," he said. "We're going to be here a long time regardless of what happens."

Message to the people

Asked what he'd like to say to Presidians, he said, "Hang in there and work hard, because we've got a long ways to go regardless of what may transpire.

"Yes, we've been given a warning order that we may be departing as an active installation. But we need to continue to improve our quality of life and continue."

We will tell you

Col. Swift said the post was doing a good job on getting the word [about possible base closure] out and "not trying to keep secrets and things, like some folks would do—just choosing to ignore the issue.

"We're putting the good, the bad and the indifferent out so these people can understand what's transpiring. There are no secrets. We're putting the word out and we *will* continue to do so. The people are going to be informed; we won't hold anything back."

Fairness

Col. Swift explained what may seem to some as a philosophy for working with others.

"We've got to be fair to each other here if we expect folks to be fair with us."

Though he admits he probably will be assigned elsewhere if the Presidio closes, he seemed to be fully associating himself with the post when he said:

"We'll grow old together, or go away together, or get new jobs together or whatever it may be.

Most folks will continue to plug away 100 percent in a positive direction; not dwell on the negative."

A feminist?

When Swift talks about fairness; it isn't just talk—especially when it comes to women. In fact, one might call him a feminist.

What would you call an Army officer (with two daughters) who isn't bothered by the thought of young women possibly going into combat?

"I've become very much of an Equal Opportunity person, living with two daughters and my wife," he said.

And what if his younger daughter, Jennifer, joined the Army after combat MOSs opened up to women?

"The business about combat doesn't bother me. That really wouldn't concern me that she'd be

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Voices

A soldier's story: blessings are what you make of them

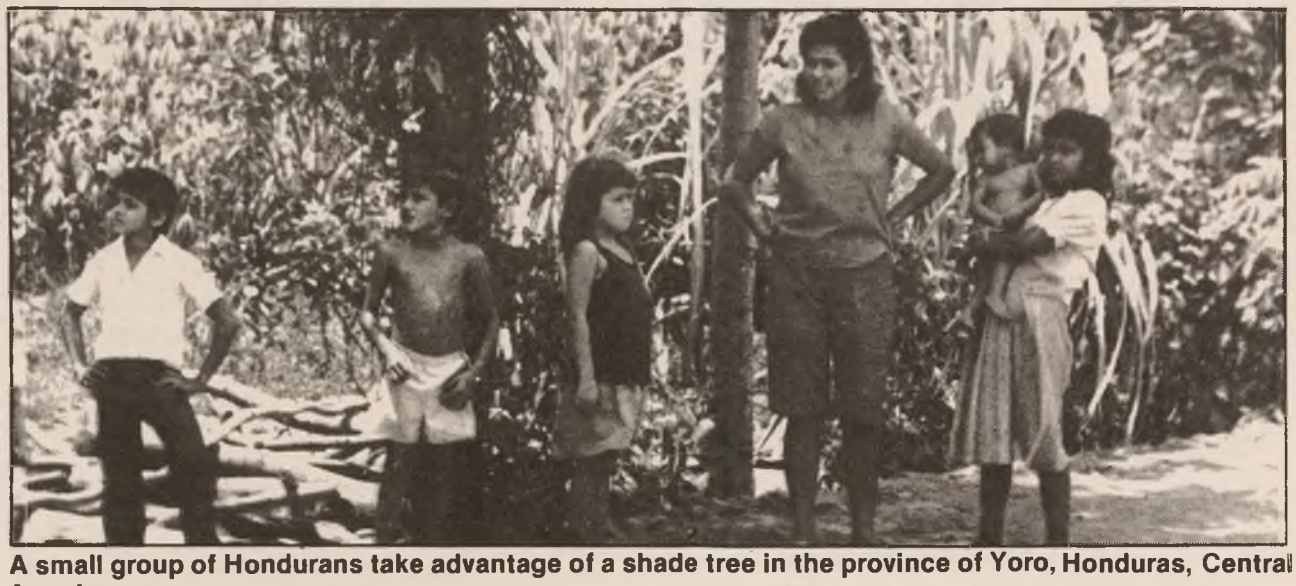
story and photo by Steve Morey

As a U.S. soldier, there are some things you experience which you'll never forget, shouldn't forget—can't forget. Basic Training. Your first promotion. Your first trip to a foreign country.

From May 20 through 24, I was in the north central province of Yoro, Republic of Honduras, Central America. I was assigned to cover Sixth U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and active duty soldiers during the "Fuertes Caminos 1989" exercise.

Looking back as I write this article on Memorial Day 1989, I'll always value my journalistic experiences in Honduras.

However, most importantly, I'll value my life as a U.S. soldier and citizen. I'll always be proud of the red, white and blue, and the freedom and democracy it represents.



A small group of Hondurans take advantage of a shade tree in the province of Yoro, Honduras, Central America.

Words alone cannot describe the feeling of pride that swells in my heart when I salute the colors, or sing the National Anthem, or hear "Taps" played at a veteran's funeral.

I didn't need to leave the United States of America and visit an impoverished nation to appreciate what I have going for myself here.

Poverty, crime and homelessness are present in our U.S. cities—I know that. I'm not trying to ignore that fact. I grew up in Detroit where, for many, it's sometimes a challenge to find their next meal.

But multiply those hungry faces and tired eyes by a thousand. Two thousand. That's Honduras—where you're lucky to live to be 60 years old if disease, famine or a stray guerrilla bullet doesn't find you first.

The 700 or so U.S. troops who were in Honduras saw what I saw:

- Women hand-washing clothes in a knee-deep river with hundreds of shirts, pants and dresses strewn over the shore's rocks;
- Homes, some merely palm branches over clay and straw walls, next to white-washed brick buildings with well-groomed, green front lawns;
- Villagers receiving medical care, possibly for the first time in their lives; and
- The ever-present, smiling and waving Hondurans, so visibly appreciative of the U.S. presence in their country.

The reserve and National Guard soldiers are rotated into the Central American country every two weeks for their Annual Training. They are there upon an invitation from the Honduran government.

During "Fuertes Caminos," soldiers will build a much-needed "farm-to-market" road, administer medical care to Hondurans and their livestock, and provide invaluable medical and personal hygiene education.

If we, as U.S. citizens, need medical attention most of us can head to the local doctor or hospital. In Honduras, they need to call on another country to help.

Makes you appreciate even more the soldiers' mission during "Fuertes Caminos 1989."

Of course, there are varying degrees of patriotism. On Memorial Day 1989 at the San Francisco National Cemetery on post, the tears in my eyes were sincere as I heard a veteran speak about his Vietnam battle experiences.

As I looked at the men and women veterans in the audience, I thought to myself, "What a great country this is. We are so very lucky to be here. We should give thanks for what our country has to offer us."

Thanks to the more than one million servicemembers (just since the Civil War) who gave their lives for our everyday freedoms. Thanks to those of us who remember and appreciate our veterans' efforts. Also, thanks to those U.S. soldiers in Honduras, and in other countries, who help spread democracy outside our borders.

I talked to one World War II veteran of five overseas campaigns after the cemetery ceremonies. "Everybody here has someone in their thoughts," he said. "That's what it's all about."

He remembers; he can't forget. Neither should we.

Ramblin' Sam

"What's the best thng about being on the Presidio?"



Pansy Win, accounting technician, Finance and Accounting Office: "I love the scenery. I love the view. I love the parking. I feel very secure here—more than I do off the post."



Kristin Rafferty, military family member: "I like the Bowling Center best because there's lots of civilian guys there. It's just a neat place to go and hang out."



Spec. Amy Thomas, French horn player, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "It's a beautiful place. Everywhere you turn there's something beautiful to look at."



Spec. Terry Mathews, biological research assistant, assigned to Letterman Army Medical Center, working at Letterman Army Institute of Research: "It's a good duty station where you can pick up extra education it you want."

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Presidio

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going into combat; I mean the Israelis do it.

"We have more and more women in leadership positions and throughout industry. And I have absolutely nothing but admiration for them; it's excellent.

"I don't see any reason why we couldn't do that. Every time we've had a reason for not [putting women in certain jobs], we've turned around and proven to ourselves it's not that big a problem."

As far as women in non-traditional roles, Swift says he thinks it's a good idea. Does he mean it? The facts speak for themselves.

His oldest daughter, Jeanine, is a midshipman at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"Sometimes I wonder why they don't say midship*person*, but they don't and neither does she," he observed.

Swift says he approves of her breaking out of stereotypical job areas and he's not displeased at the good pay she'll be earning either.

"It seems a good way to make it in a man's world—you're kind of being a pioneer," he said.

No war stories

Though Swift seems to feel no reluctance to describe his daughters' accomplishments, the same cannot be said of *his* accomplishments.

He seems to feel no need to prove to a listener he's a tough Vietnam vet or that he's earned some impressive medals. Also, he certainly doesn't give the impression of someone who likes to tell war stories.

Another reason one might doubt he regales people with war stories is the fact that he *does* like to talk to people... but he would rather listen to them.

When he can be convinced to talk about Vietnam and his experiences, still he talks about people. Particularly when he talks about his first Vietnam tour in 1963.

Vietnam

During his first tour, Swift mainly flew out of Saigon.

"At that point in time, aviators, surprisingly I guess you would say, were more attuned to the *people*. We didn't have ground troops. We flew over so many places—we landed, we stayed out there, we worked with the Vietnamese... The first tour we got an opportunity to know the folks, learn their customs, culture and get to know them *as people*."

But the early years in Vietnam had other attractions as well.

"We covered the entire country, so you always had something to do that was fun, because you always had something to do differently in '63.

"Maybe it was escorting a train, or even escorting a ship up the Mekong River, or helping an outpost at night or [fly a] gunship sometime to pull out a mountain village boy who might have been bitten by a rabid bat. Something was different every day."

During his second tour, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division based in An Khe. He also served in Bong Son, Chu Lai and Khe Sanh. Offhandedly, Col. Swift mentioned "The U.S. Marines were surrounded at Khe Sanh, so we went in and helped them out."

On his third tour, he was assigned to the Americal Division based in Chu Lai and then the 101st Airborne at Hue.

Some of Swift's noteworthy awards include: the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star (with oak leaf cluster), the Air Medal for Valor (with oak leaf cluster), and the Air Medal (with 27 oak leaf clusters).

Doing a good job

It seems possible one could wait forever and never hear Col. Swift describe himself as a hero or ascribe a heroic deed to himself—but he does believe in teamwork.

He seems to believe no one person can be a hero because he or she is just one part of a larger whole.

"You become just another knot that's tying the whole thing together," he said. "Then you might smile and say, 'Well, I did a very good job of holding the knot there.' "

Maybe that's what he hopes for from Presidians—that everyone will do a good job of holding the knot that's tying the whole thing together.

PSF Idea of Excellence



Ever get to wondering where all the paper generated by the Army ends up? Well so did Spec. Allan Foote, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison. He suggested to the Ideas Office that *The Deep*, put out by the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities be printed on white paper so that it can be recycled.

DPCA agreed and already is printing the newsletter on recyclable white paper. Thanks to Foote, the Army will be saving money and natural resources.



Energy Tip of the Week

There are times during our working days at the Presidio when we have to go from one part of the post to another. Directorate of Engineering and Housing employees coming to Garrison Headquarters for a briefing, people from Garrison Headquarters going to bldg. 102 to pick up a travel advance, etc., fall in this category. Often we are not carrying anything more than a notebook and it's not even diabolically cold or raining.

If the trip is under a mile each way, the weather is good, you aren't carrying much, and your old war injury isn't acting up . . . *walk*! Few of us have a truly valid excuse why we can't walk to where we are going; it saves fuel, it's healthier and if you are walking less than a mile it won't take you much more time than if you drove. We get too little exercise behind our desks as it is; so next time *walk*!

The Energy Office has looked at the distances from major locations on post to others and found that:

- DEH is within a half mile of the Garrison HQ, LAIR and LAMC.
- LAIR and LAMC are within a half mile of the Main Post (and DEH).
- Garrison HQ employees can walk to everything on Main Post (DEH, LAIR and LAMC).
- Fort Scott isn't a half mile from much of anything.

A half mile is not that far, folks, so don't drive that car (use more fuel, pollute the air, further congest the Presidio's roads and parking), use your legs and walk. We'll all be better off because you did.

In Memoriam

The foreman of preventative maintenance at the Directorate of Engineering and Housing died on May 29, 1989.

Delond G. Pertl, 41, was "an exceptional, independent go-getter," according to William C. Lyons, branch chief of preventative maintenance. Pertl joined the Presidio community Oct. 26, 1975 as a boiler equipment mechanic, said Lyons.

Born in Estherville, Iowa on Dec. 3, 1947, Pertl enlisted in the United States Air Force on Jan 5, 1967 and left as a sergeant on Jan. 5, 1971.

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Master Planning Specialist: 398-89(MS), GS-301-9/11, open until filled.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs as VRA or 30 percent disabled veterans).

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Wings of Victory



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Two dozen Army parachutists will descend on Hamilton Army Air Field during this weekend's Wings of Victory Airshow.



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Catch the Silver Bullet Saturday and Sunday at the airshow.

... a bird, a plane?

by Joel P. Smith

He is not up there because he's the victim of repeated head injuries, a childhood gone awry, bad vibes, escapism or poor security at a mental institution.

Wingwalker Johnny Kazian, who will perform at the Wings of Victory Airshow, Saturday and Sunday at Hamilton Army Air Field, is up there because he likes it.

"Crazy Kazian," the crowds whisper, as he tiptoes about, without the umbilical aid of rope or harness. "God help him," they beg.

"Pass the popcorn," they plead.

Kazian shares the weekend skies with World War II pilots and their vintage aircraft, grappling in dogfights and aerial dances for spectators' hearts, where once they grappled for their lives.

According to the Chief of Airshow Coordination for Sixth U.S. Army, the scene is a rare window on "warbird" history and character.

"Aviation, for a lot of ground-bound folks, is a dream that will never be realized," said Maj. James H. Lathrop. "Coming to an air show is about as close as they're going to get to warbirds and precision flying."

Lathrop said that more than 100 vintage aircraft would be present and about 30 would participate in fly-bys for the crowd.

Alan R. Edwards, director of public relations for the show and an Army-Air Force armorer in World War II, said the aircraft resurrect "vivid memories" for veterans.

"I get a chill up and down my back when I hear those engines go by," Edwards said. "It's something I think should never be forgotten; how much these planes and pilots contributed to the war effort."

Also performing will be the world's smallest jet, the Coors Light Silver Bullet, which some say is not much bigger or heavier than the can of beer it's named for.

Out spills pilot Tom Jones, 1988 U.S. National Aerobatic Champion, who promptly informs them the bullet weighs a marshmallow-like 450 pounds, is a meager 12-feet-long by four-feet-high, flies at a maximum 350 mph and is less filling than their regular plane.

Earthwise at the show, there will be displays of vintage jeeps and armored vehicles (from the Military Vehicle Collector's Club), demonstrations by Special Forces, and a parachute team.

A soviet-made MIG-15 fighter plane also will be on the flight deck, ready for perusing.

Other unusual and rare aircraft at the show include several P-38 fighters, a B-17 bomber and Beechcraft T-34 Mentor, piloted by Julie Clark, featured on "P.M. Magazine" and named one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America" in 1983.

Perhaps the most powerful display of modern aviation will feature two F-16 fighters from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

A nearly complete inventory of Army helicopters also will be presented, Lathrop said.

Dance companies, soloists and several bands will perform throughout the two-day show, organized by the Hamilton Field Association.

Gate price for adults is $8; $4 for children. ITT is selling tickets for a discount of $4.25 and $2.25, respectively.

Lathrop said flying "takes you from the middle ground to the edge . . .

"There's no way you can know the mystique of flying an airplane through barrel rolls, stalls, loops and other precision maneuvers . . . but you can at least get a rare chance to see it done."



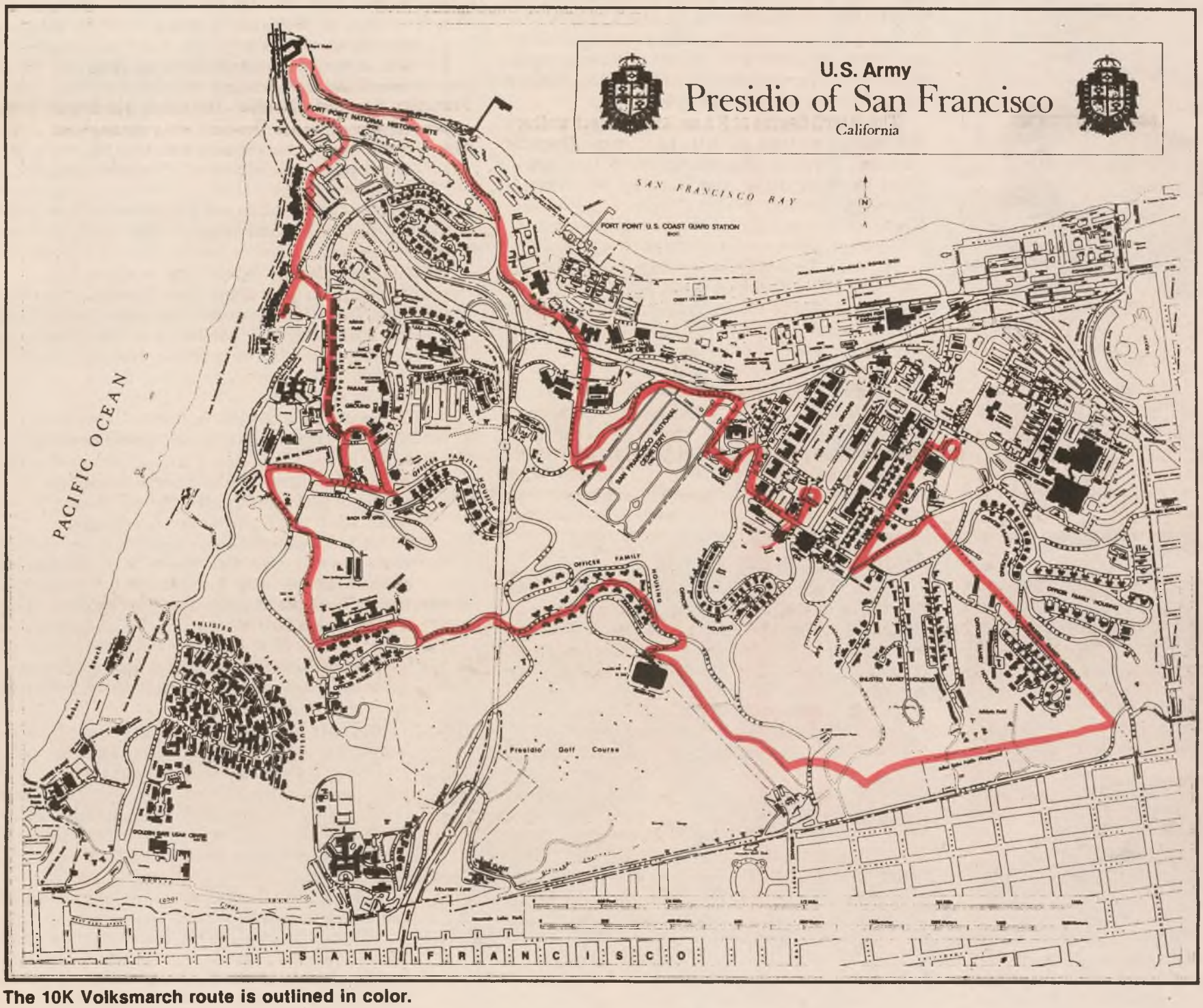
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Eight JROTC teans will compete Saturday.

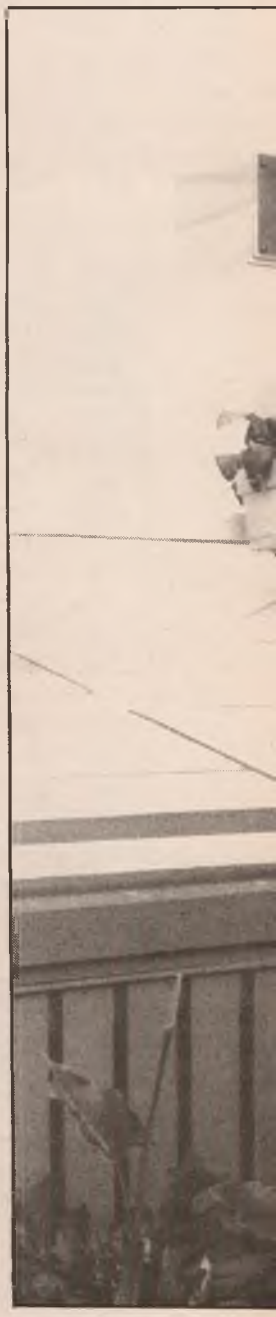
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th U.S. Army, and Public Affairs Intern Sharon Everett
esidians at the Saturday Volksmarch. (Vintage 1906
m courtesy of Presidio Army Museum.

The Army invites recruits to be all they can be—and this year's Army Days promises Presidians a chance to do the same. Participants in the fourth annual Army Days will get a chance to prove themselves in the Saturday Volksmarch. The Volksmarch is a new addition to the traditional festivities and, according to Volksmarch action officer Lt. Col. Chip R. Chagnon, the Volksmarch will showcase the Presidio.

"We have the most scenic institution in the Army . . . This year we're bringing the Army Days events to the Presidio," said Chagnon, chief of Force Integration Management at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, Sixth U.S. Army.

He believes the Volksmarch will provide Presidians with an opportunity to look at familiar things in a new way. The Officers' Club stop, for example, will focus on the role the Royal Spanish and Mexican armies have played in the post's past.

Volksmarch

The 10-kilometer walk through the Presidio will take tour-takers from the main gym to Funston House, the San Francisco National Cemetery and seven other stops. At each of these sites, Presidians will be dressed in period costume representing more than 200 years of the post's history. Acting as docents, the vintage-clad Presidians will offer tours of their site to the Volksmarchers. Soldiers will assume the identities of the soldiers whose historic uniforms they wear.

The march begins at 8 a.m. and the last walkers can start the trail as late as 1 p.m. Opening ceremonies will be overseen by Sixth U.S. Army Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. George M. Baxter, California Senator Milton Marks and Michael Koch, the German Consul. The first 1,000 finishers will receive ribbons advertising their stamina.

A speedy Volksmarcher can expect to finish the course in as little as two hours but, according to Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Intern Sharon Everett, Presidians may want to take the whole day to complete the 6.6 mile route.

Along the way, Volksmarchers will be able to buy food and drink and enjoy various picnic spots, listen to band concerts, witness a reenactment of a Civil War battle (scaled down and located at Fort Point) and see the other Army Days events. Alternative courses are available for people with strollers or wheelchairs. Leashed pets are invited to join the stroll and bowls of water have been provided along the trail.

Technowizardry

Army Days will be a chance for people to link the events of the past with the present and on to the future. From the history and grandeur of the Volksmarch stops to the glitter of the static displays, Army Days promises something for almost everyone.

In the main parade field the "Army of the Future" will dazzle the Volksmarch passersby. Visitors will have an opportunity to see Foresight, a graphics and animation computer system used to create prototypes of military equipment. Also on display will be Magic Mast, a new "quick-erecting" heavy duty radio antenna that rises to a height of 26 meters in only three minutes.

Guided missile carriers, tanks and trucks all will be on display and ready to take on the curious crowds. The displays will be set up on both Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Health Fair

The main parade ground also will house a Health Fair on both Saturday and Sunday. Information will be available on blood pressure, nutrition, first aid, CPR, stopping smoking, heart attack risks, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. There will be booths and displays galore. The fair will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JROTC

Another part of the Army Days festivities is the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JRTOC) drill competition. On Saturday at 11 a.m., more than 1,200 cadets from eight San Francisco high schools will compete in precision drill events.

Participants will compete in such categories as "drill platoons," "boy's drill team," and "girl's drill team." Trophies, medals and scholarships will be awarded to the top teams.

Band concerts

The Army is making sure the public gets romantic on post at Inspiration Point, Saturday.

A unit from the Sixth U.S. Army Band will entertain marchers at the point at 9:30 a.m. They'll play "predominantly romantic music about San Francisco's past."

Located near the Arguello Avenue gate, the point is one of the most scenic overlooks of the San Francisco Bay and Alcatraz. The band, which will appear at several other Presidio sites throughout the festival, has a concert schedule akin to the "mood and decorum of each area," Chagnon said.

"Inspiration Point is a pretty romantic place, so we wanted the band to concentrate on the lullabies and melodies linked to San Francisco's history," he added.

SFC John R. Mason, operations sergeant for the band, said members would play instruments that, for Volksmarches, were "traditional and acoustical." He said they include a trumpet, a euphonium, a trombone, a tuba, a couple of clarinets and a drum combination.

Before the march, at 7:30 a.m., the complete band will play an opening concert at Post Gym No. 1, across the street from the Presidio Army Museum.

Chagnon said the post Log Cabin at Fort Scott, which sits in a "glen" of sorts, would host a bagpipe band from the 91st Division (Training) at Fort Baker, Calif., at noon.

Another concert by sections of the Sixth U.S. Army Band is slated for 2 p.m. at Fort Point. Chagnon said that concert will focus on martial music—pieces with a patriotic air.

Lt. Col. Manuel P. Mier, assistant action officer for the march, said the concerts will lend "ambience, esprit de corps, fellowship and excitement, pomp and ceremony," to the day.

Good time to be had by all...

According to the organizers, Army Days promises to be full of fun for everyone. And as Chagnon put it, "Army Days is the best deal in town this weekend, and you can't beat the price—it's free!"

Erica Haspiel-Szlosek, Joel P. Smith and Sharon Everett contributed to this article.

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Safety tips for summertime boating

by Evelyn D. Harris

Next week, June 4-10, will be the 31st annual National Safe Boating Week. Since 1958, when the week was first proclaimed, the number of recreational boats nationwide has grown from 5 million to 17 million.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, some 1,036 people died in 1987 while boating—more than the combined annual fatalities from airline accidents, commercial shipping and rail accidents.

The National Safe Boating Council hopes to reduce the number of boating fatalities by educating the public on safe boating practices. Hunt Anderson, who heads the Coast Guard's Boating Education Branch and is the council's secretary, said the council is giving special attention this year to "nontraditional boaters"—people who use a boat for sport fishing, water skiing or hunting. Such users probably make up as much as 90 percent of the boating population, but do not think of themselves as boaters.

Because they don't think of themselves as boaters, they're unlikely to take a safe boating course.

"Know Before You Go," is the theme for the safety week. According to Anderson, boat users need to know their craft and safety equipment; weather and water conditions; the boating "rules of the road"; and their personal limitations.

To help people with this, the Coast Guard has a consumer hotline (1-800-368-5647) to answer questions relating to safety and product recalls. The post Safety Office has a boating safety tips brochure. To get one, call **561-3294.**

For information about a safe boating course, call **1-800-336-BOAT.**

Some points covered in the courses:

- Always wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device—and make sure everyone in the boat is wearing one. Of the 1,036 people who died in boating accidents in 1987, 89 percent were not wearing life jackets.
- Respect the water,even if it's a small lake. The two major causes of fatal accidents are capsizings and falls overboard. Most happen in small boats on small inland bodies of water.
- Be alert to weather conditions. Out on the water a thunderstorm can be more than an inconvenience. It can capsize a boat and threaten the lives of the occupants. The National Safe Boating Council advises boaters to listen to weather reports before going out and while they are on the water.
- Don't overload your boat. The small utility boats people use for fishing, hunting and day cruising tend to be unstable and can easily swamp or capsize. A modern outboard boat has a plate indicating the maximum outboard horsepower and carrying capacity of the boat. The number of seats in a boat isn't a measure of its capacity. Overloaded boats overturn.
- Load your boat properly. A person sitting on the gunwale, seat back or bow of a small boat not only puts the boat out of trim, making it harder to maneuver, but is in danger of falling overboard. (Last summer, a young man was sitting on the bow of a runabout on a New Hampshire lake. When the operator cut the throttle, the bow dropped suddenly, throwing the man into the water. The boat passed over him, and the propeller cut off his leg at the hip. The man died on his way to the hospital.)
- Booze and boats don't mix. Alcohol reduces muscle coordination and balance, which increases the chances of falling overboard or capsizing a boat. In addition, marine conditions—the motion and noise of the boat combined with sun, wind and glare—compound the effects of alcohol. If you want to serve alcohol on you boat, use the designated driver concept. But remember, intoxicated passengers are also at risk on the water.

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Cake decorating class

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Word processing

The Education Center is offering Advanced Wordperfect classes which cover tipics such as mail merge, headers, footers, text columns, desktop publishing and more. The workshops meet June 15 to 29 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information call the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216 at 561-3692 or 561-4791.

Ballet recital

There will be a ballet recital June 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Schwartz Theater. There is no admission charge.

Club meeting

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Presidio MacIntosh User's Group will be held on Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in bldg. 667. Demonstrations of Thunderscan and Quicken will be included. Everyone is welcome. Call **561-4560** for information.

Metal recycling

The Automotive Skills Center, bldg. 662, accepts all metals such as old appliances, pots and pans, skis, auto parts, and old batteries for recycling. Don't contaminate dumpsters or the grounds of the Presidio. Even if you have an old "junker" car, just sign it over to the Auto Skills Center.

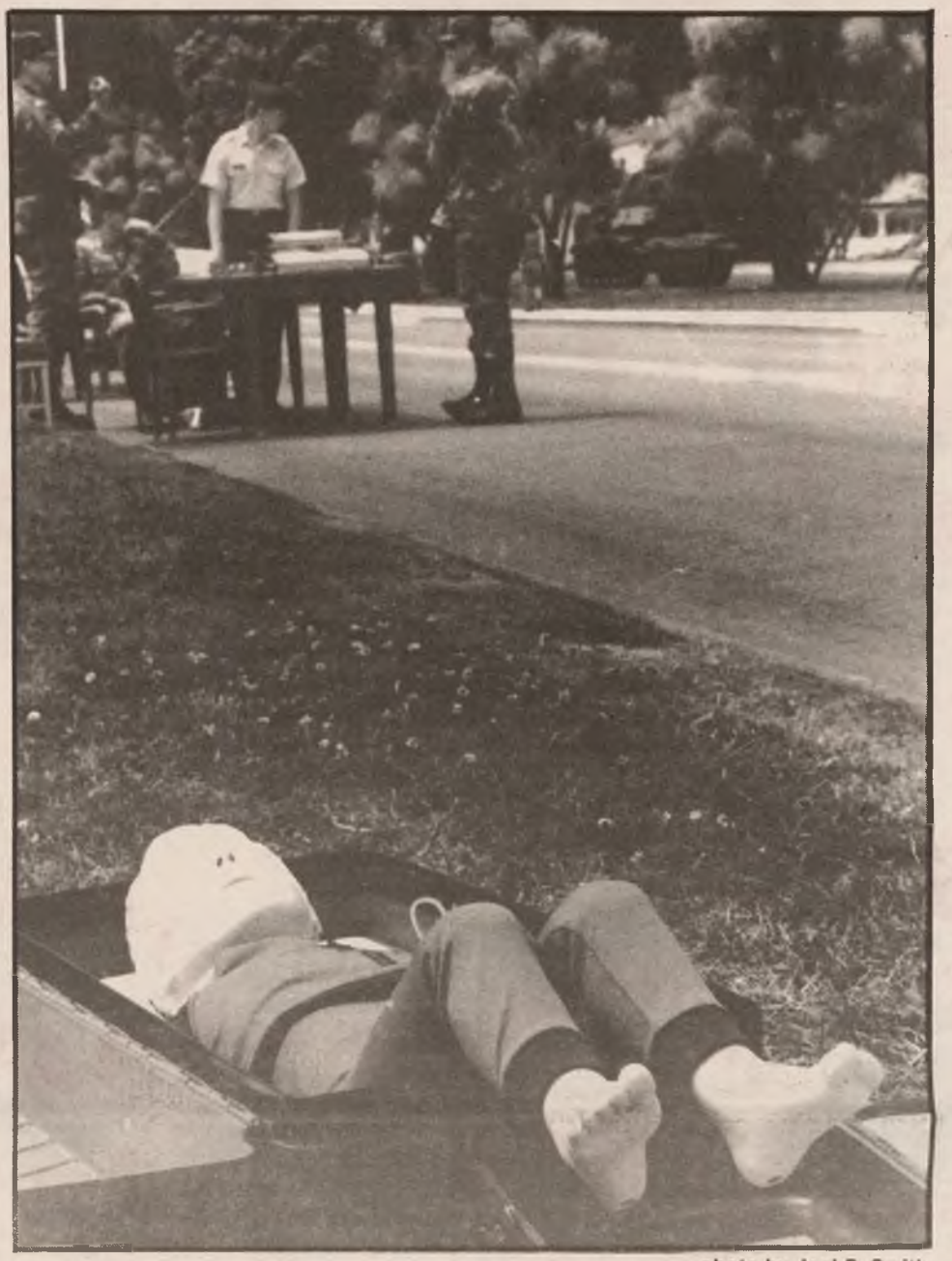


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Safety Awareness Day

Safety demonstrations on May 24 included fire and auto safety, fingerprinting for children and CPR. 'Resuci Andy'—a CPR dummy—was on the list of volunteers who participated.

Profits from the sale of scrap metal help support all Morale Support Fund activities. The Center accepts metal Wednesday through Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Jim Porter at **561-5521** for more information.

Day camp

Registration is now open for the Youth Activities Summer Day Camp. This year, the Summer Day Camp will include a choice of two camps. The "big camp" is all day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "mini camp" is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both camps are geared for lots of outdoor activities, with swimming, hikes, arts and crafts, and trips to Great America, Marine World, and other exciting places.

Registration is going on now, at the Youth Activities center, bldg. 1331, Fort Scott. For more information, call the Youth Activities center at **561-5910** or **561-5143.**

USO news

If you are a military spouse looking for work the USO has a deal for you. They will register you in their Job Search Program. A variety of jobs are listed with the USO each week and have reported a high success rate for helping spouses find work.

The USO also runs a free ticket program. The Great American Music Hall donates free tickets regularly. Soldiers also can get free tickets to San Francisco Giants games. Show your active duty ID card at Candlestick and you'll be given general admission seats on any day. The Oakland A's will sell half-price tickets at the Oakland Coliseum to soldiers with active duty ID cards.

The USO is in the basement of bldg. 223, across from Garrison Headquarters. Call **561-2436** Tuesday through Friday for information.

Creative Cottage

The Creative Cottage is a consignment gift shop located in bldg. 204, next to the Thrift Shop. If you are creative and would like to earn some extra money, bring them your handiwork. Consignments will be accepted from soldiers, family members and from civilians working on the Presidio. The Cottage is open for sales and consignments 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the first Saturday of each month. The phone number is **567-9193.**

Creative Cottage East, on the third floor of the hospital, across from the post office has just opened. You can shop Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop Flea Market and Saturday opening will be Saturday by bldg. 204 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table, valid ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an extra charge for additional space. No reservations are needed.

Crisis Line

The Presidio Crisis Line has set the dates for its next volunteer training program.

The 16-hour program will meet at Army Community Service, bldg. 914, Wednesday, 6 to 9 p.m.; June 10, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and June 14, from 6 to 9 p.m.

People interested in attending this training program should call Nancy Niederhauser at ACS, **561-5155** or **561-5156** by Monday.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, June 1: Rooftops (R), 7 p.m. Troy Beyer, Jason Gedrick. Adventure and romance are blended in a swirling fusion of music, dance and martial arts.

Fri, June 2: Chances Are (PG), 7 p.m. Cybill Shepherd, Robert Downey, Jr. A zany fantasy/romance about a young husband who dies, is reincarnated into a different body, and 23 years later tries to convice his wife and daughter who he really is.

Sat, June 3: Rain Man (R), 7 p.m. Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise. A young man tries to trick his idiot-savant brother out of $3 million he recently inherited from their father.

Sun, June 4: Rain Man (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, June 5: Rain Man (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, June 6: Sing (PG-13), 7 p.m. Lorraine Bracco, Peter Dobson. When the closing of their Brooklyn high school is announced, students band together to organize a musical as the school's final celebration.

Wed, June 7: The Mighty Quinn (R), 7 p.m. Denzel Washington, Mimi Rogers. A local legend and small-time hood is suspected in the murder of an American tourist.

Thu, June 8: Leviathan (R), 7 p.m. Peter Weller, Richard Crenna. A team of deep sea miners are horrified to discover that a freakish genetic transferral is creating a terrifying new life form.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, June 2: Twins (PG) 7 p.m.
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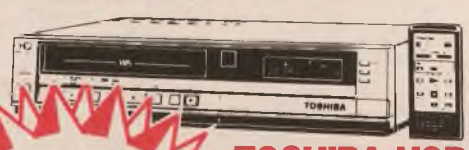
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News Briefs

Army birthday celebration

The Presidio will celebrate the Army's 214th birthday on June 14, 4 p.m., at Pershing Square. The birthday ceremony will include a formation of Garrison and tenant units, invocation, reading of the resolution of 1775 and the Secretary of the Army proclamation, retreat and remarks by a general officer from Sixth U.S. Army. Refreshments will follow the ceremony conclusion.

Hot water shut-down

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing reports it will shut down a boiler system Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to perform preventative maintenance. During the shut-down, no hot water will be available for the following buildings: 558, 1100, 1152, 1188, 1047.

For questions directly related to the shut-down, call Otis Dansby at DEH at 561-4827.

Lombard Road repaving

Starting at 8 a.m. Monday, a portion of the Lombard Road from Presidio Boulevard to Letterman Drive will be closed until the close of business June 16. This closure *s being scheduled to allow the Directorate of* Engineering and Housing to continue repaving the road.

VHA rates change

Variable Housing Allowance (VHA) rates have been increased as of June 1. The VHA program is designed to supplement a member's housing allowance to ensure equal out-of-pocket expenses for private sector housing by members in the same paygrade regardless of location within the United States.

The Department calculates VHA based on a nationwide survey of military member housing costs. FY 1989 VHA rates were constrained to ensure compliance with the congressionally imposed funding ceiling.

The VHA rate increase is designed to maximize the amount of VHA Presidians receive and still remain within the FY 1989 funding ceiling.

DoD remains committed to providing housing allowances that will enable service members to obtain adequate housing in communities near their duty stations. Therefore, the department's FY 1990 budget includes a 3.6 percent increase in VHA to cover housing cost growth.

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Change of command

The Headquarters Western Sector U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command will be having a Change of Command ceremony on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held at Pershing Square and will be combined with the MEPCOM retirement ceremony.

Thrift Savings Plan

For employees hired before July 1988, this is the open season to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan. Presidians have until July 31 to complete their forms. For information, call Francisco DaCosta a 561-5724.



Post chosen as test site

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

When opportunity knocks, Presidians have been there time and again with open arms. In April, when Department of the Army staff members were selecting test sites for the new automated Priority Placement Program system, the post Civilian Personnel Directorate gave them a resounding yes, said Mary Santamore, the chief of Recruitment and Placement.

"We were all for the opportunity to do this—we said, 'absolutely yes'!"

The Priority Placement Program (PPP) enables Department of Defense employees facing lay-offs to find new jobs within DoD. By registering with PPP an employee can be placed on a "stopper list." This list will let DoD installations seeking to hire new employees know there already is someone out there who is qualified for and wants that job. Until the agency contacts the employee and offers the job to him or her, no one else can be considered.

According to Santamore, the success of the program speaks for itself. More than 90,000 employees have used the program and have been placed in new jobs since the start of PPP in 1964.

"The program has a lot of teeth in it. It's a mandatory placement program and there's a lot of commitment to placing employees within DoD. DoD has an investment in the people they employ—and they don't want to lose them."

Users of the automated PPP system find it streamlines the process.

Employee data is entered in a computer and transmitted electronically to the Department of Defense Data Support Center in Dayton, Ohio. The old system (still used by all DoD installations other than the six test sites) involved lots of forms and mailing the information to Ohio.

According to Barbara Black, personnel staffing specialist with Headquarters, Department of the Army, "At all the activities it [the automated PPP system] has been a big success. At the end of the six month test we're confident it will be implemented Army-wide.

"It's an easy system to use," she added.

Said Santamore, "We've had good results—it's fast; it's efficient. In a real-life RIF [Reduction in Force] situation, we'd be able to get people registered in minutes.

"It's kind of a feather in our cap to have that capability."

The automated system already has been used to register Presidians who aren't facing a RIF. Besides placing RIFed employees, PPP also is used to register military spouses in the spouse preference program, and employees in the overseas employment program.

Although developed independently of the base closure and realignment legislation, CPD feels this will be a useful tool in helping DoD employees facing RIFs find new jobs more quickly since less time will be spent sending registration documents through the mail. If and when Presidians receive Reduction in Force notices, they will be able to sign up for PPP using this new system. Already CPD staff has been trained in its use, and although no one is expecting RIFs in the immediate future, CPD staff members already are hailing its use as a tool to improve Presidians' chances at finding new DoD jobs quickly.

Voices

Giving credit–good service deserves thanks

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Recognition for a job well done seldom comes. It's not that most of us are undeserving, but simply that people seem to fade into the woodwork when they're doing something right.

That hardly seems fair.

Let's face it, jumping on the bandwagon to kick a guy when he's down takes no initiative or gumption. What about the person who goes that extra mile with no hope of reward or recognition?

In my federal career I have spent a lot of time in customer service jobs. They've been demanding positions, made even more so by constantly hearing from people, who for one reason or another, had problems with some government service. Just once, I used to say, I'd like to be complimented for a job well done.

Thinking about the situation, I realized I had the same negative attitude. I was quick enough to let people know when I was displeased, but I really had to push myself to congratulate those who helped me. By making an effort however, I began to recognize the exceptional service being done by many of the people I relied upon every day. From the nurse who spent two weeks tracking down my mother's prenatal records from more than 30 years ago, to the daycare provider who rushed after my daughter the other day to give her a goodbye hug, the examples were boundless—once I started looking for them.

I've begun keeping a stack of post card on my desk to dash off notes of thanks to these selfless souls. I can't offer them any more than this, but I've discovered that recognition, any recognition, is endlessly appreciated in this era of cool indifference.

So if you've seen someone lately who's done a good job, let him or her know! It only takes a second and you'll find that it makes a whole lot of difference.



Ramblin' Sam

"What would you like to say to the new *'El Comandante,'* Col. William D. Swift?"



SSgt. Ether Hunter, administration NCO, Sixth U.S. Army Inspection General's Office: "Could you manage to get this post closed in two years instead of five?"



Kathy Trabitz, manager, SATO: "Welcome aboard. I'm looking forward to developing a stronger relationship with you... in support of military-related activities."



1Lt. Charles Raphun, disbursing officer, Finance and Accounting Office: "Good luck in handling the base closure. It's probably going to be difficult because of pressure from various environmental groups and civic enterprises."



PFC Darrin Barnett, legal specialist, 91st Division, (Training): "I would recommend that the quality of classes in training be kept up: for instance, training classes on Wednesdays for Common Task Testing."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

The Community Life Program Mayors are encouraging all Presidio residents (especially those residing in high visibility housing areas) to display the American flag at their quarters on July 4th, Independence Day.

Since thousands of visitors will be on our installation for the fireworks display, it is appropriate that residents show their patriotism by flying the colors.

Flags are available for purchase at the Presidio Main Exchange.

The Mayors

Addendum

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Presdio soldiers ready for leadership

story and photos by Lew Butts

When the bombs struck again, the men moved. For the past four days, friendly bombers had pounded the area within earshot of the Prisoner Of War camp. The prisoners knew they would be executed if they didn't escape from the camp soon.

The confusion caused by the bombs might cover their escape, the men thought. To get out they would first have to cross a moat and then a wall on the other side. If, during the escape attempt, the men touched the water or the land around it, alarms would sound and the guards would be alerted. It was now or never!

During training at Parks Reserve Forces Training Center yesterday, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison soldiers faced scenarios such as the one above at the camp's Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). The course is designed to build teamwork and confidence at platoon and squad level.

Divided into teams, the soldiers were exposed to such challenges as escaping from POW camps, crossing minefields and burned-out bridges, and scaling cliffs with 50-pound ammo boxes.

The soldiers of Headquarters Company seemed a bit shy when first starting out on their conquests at Parks, but were soon caught up in the thrill of the challenge. In fact, some teams who failed to negotiate their obstacles the first time around, returned during their lunch hour to try again.

"Our personnel clerks experience mental teamwork every day on the job," said SSgt. Sheldon Martin, NCOIC of personnel records, at the Presidio's military personnel office. "The course finally gave them a chance to experience the importance of physical teamwork."

Spec. Michael A. Williams, enlisted records clerk, MILPO, enjoyed his chance to take command.

"All the soldiers were given the opportunity to assert themselves in a leadership role," said Williams. "You had to consider everything in your planning, not only accomplishing the mission, but the safety of your personnel as well."

Following the Leadership Reaction Course, the company also participated in a land navigation exercise.

"The soldiers were challenged, but had a lot of fun too," said Capt. David W. Polomski, Headquarters Company commander, USAG. "The training taught the soldiers the importance of relying on their fellow soldiers."



Spec. Edward Bradshaw and PFC Steven Showalter use planks to cross a "destroyed bridge" at Camp Parks' leadership reaction course.



Sgt. Stephen Morey and Spec. Douglas Rogers plot map coordinates during a recent land navigation exercise at Camp Parks.

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HAAF air show draws awe-struck crowds



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Wingwalker Johnny Kazian dazzles the crowds in this 1988 photo. He also performed at this year's Wings of Victory Air Show.

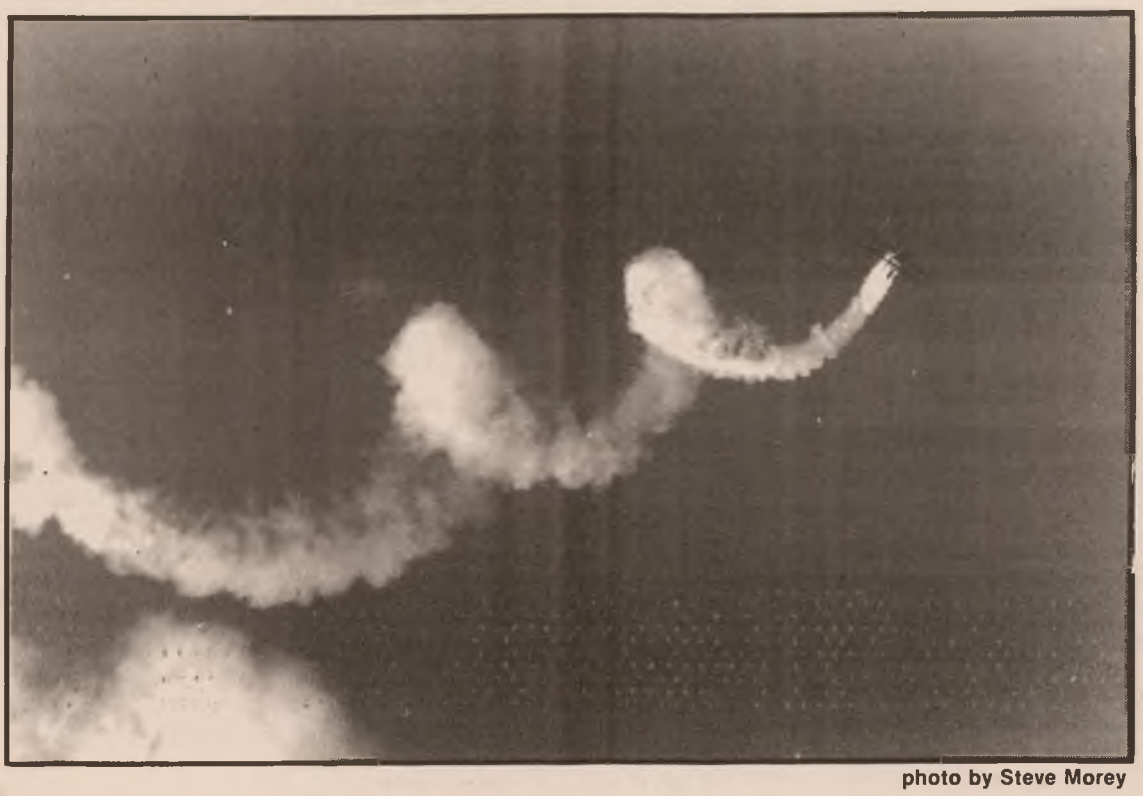


photo by Steve Morey

Somewhere amidst the twisting and smoking is wingwalker Johnny Kazian and biplane pilot, Jim Franklin.

by Steve Morey

He performs all the usual acrobatic tricks. Flips. Spins. Handstands. However, there's one difference: he's atop a biplane going 200 miles an hour, high above the earth.

Wingwalker Johnny Kazian showed total disregard for the force of gravity when he climbed aboard Jim Franklin's "Waco Mystery Ship" at Hamilton Army Air Field on June 3 and 4. The "no strings attached" (or ropes, cables or wires!) wingwalking act was part of the "1989 Wings of Victory" Airshow.

Kazian and Franklin were among a cast of performers and aircraft in the air and on display at the Novato airfield. As the "Waco Mystery Ship" looped, rolled and swooped above, thousands of flight enthusiasts "oohed" and "aahed" below.

Nearby were several types of military aircraft on display including World War I and II models, turn-of-the-century biplanes and civilian aircraft of all shapes, colors and sizes.

Meanwhile, Bob Hoover soared on high inside his "Shrike Commander" aircraft. Hoover dazzled the audience with precision, twisting loops and his "energy management" maneuver: a loop into a roll and an 180-degree turn followed by two one-wheel landings—*all with the engines dead!*

Shortly after Hoover landed, Kazian and Franklin hit the air stage with an unnerving vengeance. With smoke trailing, the biplane made like a giant white pretzel in the bright, blue sky.

Onlookers watched in amazement as Kazian, who's been a stuntman for 29 years, climbed atop the plane for his death defying wingwalking act. The plane came within 20 feet of the ground at times, drawing a hushed sigh from the crowd.

Kazian even had time to shake Franklin's hand, much to the crowd's enjoyment. When the Wings of Victory airshow finished, Hamilton Army Air Field was deserted, save a few planes awaiting their owners.

The mighty birds returned to their roosts, but come 1990, Hamilton will once again hum with the sound of their engines' roar.

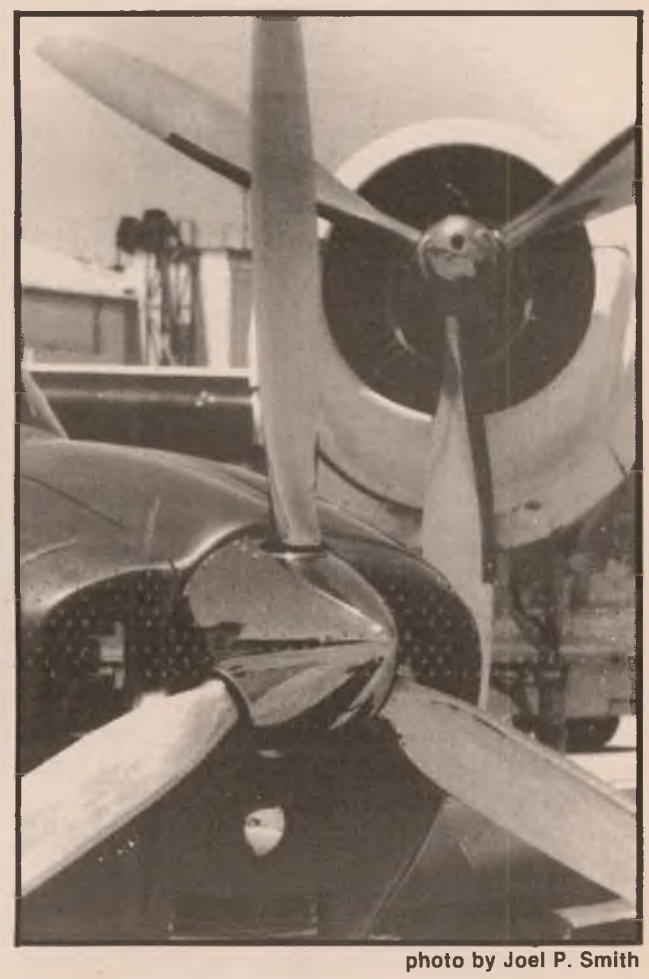


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Props were the stage for the air show.

Bonanza

Army Days 1989–Presidio hosts weekend eve

story and photos by Steve Morey

The Presidio hills may have shouted, "You'll never make it!"; but the Volksmarchers answered, "Oh yeah? We're rough and ready!"

With that rallying cry, more than 1,000 walkers accepted the challenge of 10 kilometers, or 6.7 miles, of post pavement and trails during the 1989 Army Days Volksmarch on June 3.

Some were there for the medals; others took advantage of the scenery and historical tours. However, the general consensus seemed to be: "For the family fun of it!

"My wife came out for the exercise and dragged us along," said a joking Don F. Willoughby, from Pacifica, Calif. Willoughby was referring to his wife, Alexandra O., and his son, Steve E.

"Really, it gets your heart pumping. Plus there's no cost [to be a Volksmarcher], unless you want a medal," continued Willoughby. "I can walk for the whole family to get the credit book and the medal. The rest of the family goes for free."

The Willoughbys said they have a corkboard in their home filled with "at least" 30 Volksmarch medals, including a trek up and down the side of Mount Tamalpais.

Said Alexandra Willoughby: "There's no competition, you just go out and walk. No hassle, no rush—and it's for everybody. Our 3-year-old usually walks with us.

"The incentive for me is the exercise I get and the medals—they're just gorgeous."

Each walker who paid a nominal entrance fee received a 2.5 inch pewter medal picturing the Fort Point Museum and Golden Gate Bridge.

Besides the abovementioned points of interest, the winding Volksmarch trail also ran through the Funston House and Inspiration Point off Arguello Boulevard. At both sites, costumed soldiers and family members greeted marchers with historical facts and figures.

"Behind me is Alcatraz Island, a former Army fort and now part of the National Park Service," bellowed Maj. Lynn E. Beuchler of Headquarters, 6211th USAG from the post's Golden Gate Reserve Center.

A group of Volksmarchers gathered 'round. Beuchler wore a replica blue, red and gold, 1880-era artillery officer's uniform. Beuchler and other 6211th soldiers answered the crowds' historical questions to the best of their ability.

"People's biggest concern was, 'Why is it named Inspiration Point?'" explained Sgt. Linda Z. Brotemarkle. "We've had a lot of people visiting from out of the area—Dallas, San Diego, and from Virginia and Pennsylvania."

As for Bay Area residents, Beuchler said, "I hope people now have an appreciation for what the Presidio stands for—it's been part of the city for more than 200 years. It's pretty, it's historic.

"A lot of people from the Bay Area drive through the Presidio and never stop to really take a look."

While walking, Volksmarchers were treated to the post's panoramic views and sometimes rugged terrain. As for the weather, according to the Willoughbys, it was "perfect."

However, the morning foggy chill could be felt by some of the younger walkers.

"It's cold, but it's fun. It's a nice experience," said a fast-walking Marliese Millson, 13, daughter of Ed Millson of Livermore, Calif., who also was accompanied by Mariette, 7, and Devin, 2-and-a-half years old.

"When we lived on post, we never walked through like we're doing today," said Ed Millson, who retired from the Army last year. He worked for Sixth U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Training.

"I thought it might be fun to do one again. We've done a couple of Volksmarches in Germany where I was stationed. It's a great family activity."

The Volksmarch was sponsored by the Bay Bandits Volksport Club and co-sponsored by Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army, the Presidio and Eisenhower National Bank.

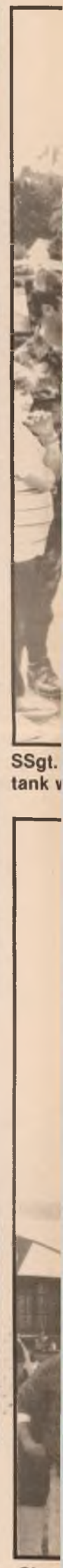
Next year, when the hills call out, "Walk!" Bay Area Volksmarchers again will most likely answer, "How far?"



Mariette Millson, 7, leads her family along "Lover's Lane." The Millsons, from Livermore, Calif., included dad, Ed, Marliese, 13, and Devin, two-and-a-half years old (on his dad's back).



Maj. Lynn E. Beuchler speaks to Saturday Volksmarchers.



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Douglas A. Shepherd, a basic infantry instructor at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area discusses the M-60 with Nina A. Keefer.



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The girls' drill team from Lowell High maneuvers in front of the reviewing stand.

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Volksmarchers and visitors on post this weekend were treated to a health fair, tank and aircraft displays, and a drill competition.

The occasion was the anniversary of Army Days 1989.

JROTC

Saturday, San Francisco's Lowell High School made a clean sweep of all events at the city's annual Junior ROTC Drill Competition.

For the second year running, Lowell took first in Girls' Drill Team, and Drill Platoon. First in the category, Boy's Drill Team, cemented the overall title in the competition. The competition was sponsored by the 91st Division (Training), at Fort Baker, Calif.

According to Air Force Sgt. Abel Gonzales, with the Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard, the students were graded as though they were on parade.

Maj. Joseph B. Mucelli, senior Army instructor at Lowell, said his students practiced about 350 hours for the event, often sacrificing weekends to drill.

Both the Boys' and Girls' Drill Teams devised their own routines, relying on the leadership of upperclassmen, he added.

Balboa High School earned, overall, second place, taking second in both Boys' and Girls' Drill Team Competition, and fourth in Drill Platoon.

Naval Cmdr. Michael Devoy, naval science instructor at McAteer High School, said the young men and women in JROTC were learning more than maneuvers: "They're learning the basics of leadership, based on working with a team," he explained.

"Anytime you perfect skills with a group, that has an impact on how you work with individuals later in life," Devoy added.

Other schools in the San Francisco Unified School District fielding JROTC units were: Abraham Lincoln High School, George Washington High School, McAteer High School and Woodrow Wilson High School.

Health Fair

The 347th General Hospital, Sunnyvale, Calif., set up a combat ready treatment center on the post's Main Parade Field. Passers-through found out that "the Army medical corps is well-organized, prepared and up-to-date with equipment," said Col. Joan Limoge.

Limoge, chief nurse of the Army Reserve unit, said the display was an excellent opportunity to showcase both field hospitals and the role of the medical corps reservist.

About 70 percent of the Army's medical strength is in the Reserves, she explained.

Also at the fair were two Army helicopters, the UH-1H "Huey," and the UH-60A "Blackhawk." Sgt. Herman S. Buenoicho said the fair was helping to correct mistaken impressions about Army medics in aviation units.

A flight medic with the 247th Medical Detachment, Fort Irwin, Calif., Buenoicho explained, "A lot of people think we're just out there transporting casualties. We show them [here] that there were doctors in the field."

(Medics don't necessarily have medical degrees, but do perform life-saving first aid and operations, both in hospitals and in the field.)

"We evaluate and treat wounded soldiers before and during their extrication."

Visitors also saw heavy armored—and sometimes armed—vehicles at the parade field. An M-60 tank and tracked heavy combat earth mover made for steely gazes.

About 1,500 people joined in watching the JROTC competition and the displays.

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AER Sports

AER bowlers strike it rich at post tourney

story and photo by Steve Morey

They didn't need to be members of the Professional Bowler's Association to roll a few. Heck, they could of been "alley experts" for that matter.

Regardless of their respective talents, 108 Presidians "struck" the Bowling Center May 26 and 30 for Sixth U.S. Army's annual "Athletes for Army Emergency Relief (AER)" bowling tourney.

"It's my hobby," declared Linda Keating, from Letterman Army Medical Center. "It's also important for the military to stay together as a family. If they don't make an effort, nobody else will."

AER was established in 1942 as a non-profit organization to give emergency financial assistance to soldiers and their families.

Roberta J. Hom, like all tourney bowlers, agreed that supporting AER was their ultimate goal.

"Besides, it gives us a chance to mingle—a group effort to have fun," said a smiling Hom, from Sixth Army's Chief of Staff for Training office.

Hom, who hadn't picked up a bowling ball in two years, threw a 156 in the first game.

"AER is vital because it gives soldiers and their families extra money in times of emergencies," she added. "It shows the Army does take care of its own. That's what it means to me."

According to the tourney's coordinator, the 10 pin contest was half of a two-part fund-raiser which earned nearly $538 in player and team fees, concessions and donations.

"These tournaments [bowling and an all-day softball extravaganza May 31] are the topper to our AER fund drive each year," explained SGM Alvin D. Vales, who is the Sixth Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel sergeant major.

"I think it's a good morale builder for both soldiers and civilians alike. I hope they enjoy the competition and camaraderie and go away knowing what they did helped contribute to a good cause."

"Everyone would agree that AER is a worthwhile cause," added Vales. "[The money] comes back to us in one way or another."

Pineapple Kamakea, a bowler who could be referred to as "Presidio's Earl Anthony," helped to keep up the lively banter."

"All my friends are hanging around here. They should be working!" joked the unit administrator for the 91st Division (Training). Kamakea was working on his sixth set of three games—and that was May 26, the tourney's *first* day of competition.

"Seriously, we're all here to support the Army Emergency Relief program. When a soldier has a problem, maybe a family problem, AER is there to help."



SFC William T. Long, bowled a 229 May 26, with six strikes in a row.

Softball players score big for AER campaign



John B. M. Hansell claims first in the "Sergeants Major vs. Colonels and Above" game.

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Headquarters Company, USAG came back from a 3-0 deficit in the third inning to blast Law Enforcement Company 10-5 at Fort Scott May 31 and sweep the post Army Emergency Relief Fund Softball Tournament.

LEC coasted to an easy 3-run lead early in the game. Capitalizing on USAG fielding errors, LEC, with dazzling infield hits, drove in one run in the first inning and two in the second.

In a storm of dust, USAG catcher Eric James stripped LEC of a fourth run, tagging LEC catcher Francis Terry at the plate.

USAG appeared on its way to the casualty list; LEC had crushed two earlier opponents in the tourney by a combined total of 24 runs.

Then, after blanking LEC in the third inning, USAG took to the field swinging. Right-center fielder Richard Crisp doubled to left.

Sandy Deas, USAG second baseman, blasted him home on another left field double. And, in a second home plate cross, Deas traveled to the pen on Dale Kennedy's "infield hit" shot past first base.

Kennedy himself was cut down by LEC third baseman Mark Hopkins for the inning's first out.

LEC quickly stifled the drive; LEC second baseman Albert DeCambra, with a 30-foot toss, stopped USAG first baseman Leo Devlin short of a single. Last man up, David Polomski, fouled out to retire the side.

It was top of the fourth. The game stood 3-2.

LEC loaded the bases. Terry singled, LEC second baseman William Muegge drove him to second, and pitcher George Kuznicki followed with a first base purchase.

All stood silent as three successive LEC batters flied or fouled out.

Both teams were shut out in the fourth, but the fifth inning marked another USAG rally. Third baseman Sheldon Martin doubled and Crisp sent him to third base on a double left field.

Martin tied the game when he crossed the plate on a Deas double. With two on, Kennedy sent Crisp home with him second RBI of the game.

Devlin singled next; right fielder Brian Hutwagner then hit a fly over and into the glove of LEC centerfielder Sauso'o Ito, and brought in Deas. Devlin sprinted to second.

A Polomski double earned Devlin a trip across the plate and a fourth USAG run. When LEC retired the side, USAG had steamrolled to a 6-3 lead.

The sixth inning was scoreless—a calm prelude to the seventh. In the final inning, left fielder Steve Schuler crossed the plate a pitch before Crisp smacked a three-run homer.

In the LEC bullpen, a player matter-of-factly stated, "They're on a roll." Another muttered, "I don't know what'll stop 'em."

Too late, LEC retired the side and made its final bid for the cup. Two runs, one earned on a home plate walk, were matched with two outs.

Kennedy nailed the last out with the game's most spectacular defensive play: a diving left field catch that rolled his body three times and yet retained the momentum to stand him upright at last, holding the ball triumphantly secure in his glove.

USAG finished tournament champs, 10-3, and AER finished $240 richer. Each team paid $25 to enter the competition and individual challenges rounded out the total.

USAG's John Hansell, who played in one of the tournament's earlier games said, "Soldiers are out here supporting AER, because AER supports soldiers."

Other game scores were:

LEC devastated DCSPER, 21-6, then earned a place in the championship by cruising past RG-PSF, 15-6. USAG, in its first game, trounced Sixth U.S. Army Command Group 29-2. The post sergeants major, 5-1, "outranked" the colonels (and above).

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Community Calendar

Bon voyage

All Presidians are inited to a "Bon Voyage Breakfast" honoring Sister Joan of Arc on June 22, at 7:30 a.m., sponsored by the Chaplain's Division. The breakfast will be at the Letterman Army Medical Center Chapel, room 106.

Sister Joan, who recently celebrated the 50th jubilee of her sisterhood, has been a vital part of the LAMC Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care program for the past five years. She is leaving at the end of June for a four-month sabbatical.

Come to the LAMC Chapel that morning for coffee, fruit and muffins and join in wishing her God-speed. Reservations are not necessary, but it would be helpful if you could let the LAMC Chapel Office know of your intent to be there. Call **561-2351** or **561-2372.**

Dance recital

Youth Activities dancers are anxious to perform for you. The fifth annual dance recital, directed by Kathy Plambeck, will be held on Sunday, at 5 p.m. at LAMC's Schwartz Theatre. Admission is FREE, so bring your friends.

Computer courses

Make plans now to become computer literate or increase your ability to use computer software programs. The Army Education Center plans many computer training courses this summer. Courses include: Introduction to Microcomputers, Enable, WordPerfect 5.0 (beginning and advanced), dBase III+, Multimate, and IBM PC DOS.

The courses are free for active duty soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

For information call or come by the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, **561-2974** or **561-4445** or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, **561-3692** or **561-4791.**

SATO travel

Presidians; come by the SATO leisure office to sign-up for their mailing list. SATO is located in bldg. 215.

Photo equipment sale

On Sunday there will be an auction of used photography equipment in bldg. A, Fort Mason Center from noon to 4 p.m. The admission charge is $3. For information, call **871-1474.**



photo by Steve Morey

Sounds of Silence

Sixth U.S. Army bugler, Spec. Todd A. Thinnes, sounds taps during Memorial Day ceremonies May 29 at the San Francisco National Cemetery

Metal recycling

The Automotive Skills Center, bldg. 662, accepts all metals such as old appliances, pots and pans, skis, auto parts, and old batteries for recycling. Don't contaminate dumpsters or the grounds of the Presidio. Even if you have an old "junker" car, just sign it over to the Auto Skills Center.

Profits from the sale of scrap metal help support all Morale Support Fund activities. The Center accepts metal Wednesday through Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Jim Porter at **561-5521** for more information.

Day camp

Registration is now open for the Youth Activities Summer Day Camp. This year, the Summer Day Camp will include a choice of two camps. The "big camp" is all day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "mini camp" is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both camps are geared for lots of outdoor activities, with swimming, hikes, arts and crafts, and trips to Great America, Marine World, and other exciting places.

Registration is going on now, at the Youth Activities Center, bldg. 1331, Fort Scott. For more information, call the Youth Activities Center at **561-5910** or **561-5143.**

Reunion

On July 5, the Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Sep) will have a reunion at the El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa, Calif. Highlights will include an ox roast; dinner and dance, equipment displays, a wine country tour, and a memorial ceremony honoring former members of the brigade.

For information, write to the Western State Chapter X, P.O. Box 613288, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 95761 or call **(916) 544-7563.**

Cake decorating class

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The next class starts tomorrow, June 9, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Arts Center, bldg. 122. The class fee is $17 (supplies are extra), payable in advance to the Arts Center. Call **561-ARTS** for information.

DinoFest

The California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park will be "bringing to life" 11 dinosuars in DinoFest '89. These nearly life-size automated dinosaurs move, hiss and roar!

See DinoFest from Saturday through Sept. 10. For information, call the Dino-hotline at **750-7142.** Admission is $4 for adults, $2 for seniors (65 years old and older) and youths (12 to 17 years old), $1 for children 6 to 11 years old, and free for children 5 years old and younger. The first Wednesday of each month is free.

ITT news

ITT will special order the following discounted tickets for you with prepayment: Joffrey Ballet at the War Memorial Opera House on July 6 or 8 and the San Francisco Symphony Pops on July 21 ,26 and Aug. 2. Excellent seats for the Joffrey Ballet are discounted to $26, (regularly $30) and the Symphony Pops are $21, down from $25. The deadline to order is Monday.

Join ITT to the Bay Area's premier water theme park... RAGING WATERS! It features more than 30 water slides, multi-level activity pools, river rides, a wading lagoon and much more. The trip is July 8. The cost is $16.50, so hurry and call ITT to *reserve your space.*

ITT still has openings for a *salmon fishing trip* on July 15. Hurry and reserve your space as trips fill up quickly.

For more information call **561-3992.**

Korean War veterans sought

A veteran is seeking other U.S. Army Korean War veterans who served with Headquarters/Headquarters Co., 5th Regimental Combat Team from August 1949 to August 1950 and the 595th M.P. Escort Guard on Koji Island, November 1950 to November 1952. A reunion is planned for July 22. Write to Charles Basham, 2454 47th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94116 for information.

Blood drive

The LAMC/LAIR blood drive will be held June 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and June 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Schwartz Theater, LAMC. A free cholesterol test will be given at the same time.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, June 8: Leviathan (R), 7 p.m. Peter Weller. Richard Crenna. A team of deep sea miners are horrified to discover that a freakish genetic transferral is creating a terrifying new life form.

Fri, June 9: Leviathan (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, June 10: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (PG), 7 p.m. Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd. A private eye who lives in a magical world where humans coexist with cartoon characters, performs some super sleuthing when Roger Rabbit is implicated in a dastardly crime.

Sun, June 11: The Dream Team (PG-13), 7 p.m. Michael Keaton, Christopher Lloyd. Four mental patients at loose in New York City set out to wreak hilarious havoc and achieve a measure of self-respect.

Mon, June 12: The Dream Team (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, June 13: Mind Games (R), 7 p.m. Maxwell Caulfield, Edward Albert. A sadistic California backpacker wages a war of physical and mental destruction against a vacationing family.

Wed, June 14: Out Cold (R), 7 p.m. John Lithgow, Terri Garr. An offbeat murder mystery in which a pesky private eye tracks down a man who isn't allive.

Thu, June 15: Cyborg (R), 7 p.m. Jean Claude Van Damm, Dieborah Richter. In a devastated post-apocalyptic society, a young man searches for those who murdered his family.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, June 9:	**The Land Before Time (G)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat, June 10:	**Gulliver's Travels (G)**	**1 p.m.**
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News Briefs

Children's products recalled—new warnings

Evenflo furniture company is trying to notify all people who bought the Evenflo or Dyn-o-mite infant car seats manufactured before February 1989. There is a possible safety problem that exists only when the car seat is in its lowest reclining position using an automobile lap seat belt. The model sold at Army Air Force Exchanges was Dyn-o-mite car seat model 443.

Evenflo seats, model numbers 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446 and 448 also are experiencing the same problems. It is only the most reclined position that is a problem and only when the lap belt alone is used. If your car seat is attached with the addition of a shoulder belt the safety problems should not exist.

If you would like a warning label for your seat, or more information, call the Evenflo Juvenile Furniture Company at **(800) 233-5921**.

Playskool's "Color 'n Contrast" busy box imprinted with a red logo has been discovered to be a hazardouss product due to the high lead paint content. Thiis product has been recalled. If you have one, retiurn it to the store at once.

If you have a "Seamore" seahorse bath ring, model 2772 manufactured before January 1989, the company is retrofitting it to have a more secure neck-pin. The existing neck-pin can be removed by children and therefore poses a choking hazard. The manufacture date is on the carton and on the underside of the ring. The model number can be seen on the ring through the three holes on the rear base plate. The company warns parents not to use the bath ring until you receive a repair kit. Call the company at **(800) 392-6500** for your kit.

Army News Service

New clinic

A new Health Risk Appraisal Clinic has opened at the Letterman Army Medical Center.

This preventive medicine program helps Presidians find out how lifestyle choices may affect health. Things like smoking, drinking and tension can actually be measured and translated into numerical risk factors. Also factored into the equation are physical conditions like blood pressure and cholesterol.

The new clinic will offer counseling and education to all Presidians: active duty soldiers, retirees, reserve soldiers and DA civilians.

The clinic staff invites everyone to schedule a session. If you were a former WIN/WHIP patient (Wellness Initiative/Wellness and Health Initiative Program—the new clinic replaces this service), call **561-4159**. Others must call **561-5324**. The clinic is located between the Audiology and Dermatology departments.

Thrift Savings Plan

For employees hired before July 1988, this is the open season to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan. Presidians have until July 31 to complete their forms. For information, call Francisco DaCosta a **561-5724**.



CSM Robert A. Whiteford takes one last look at the top before he rappels down a 30-foot building at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in March 1989.

Presidio NCOs lead the way

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

This week we introduce a new column to the *Star Presidian:* the NCO leadership profile. As often as possible, we'll present character studies of exceptional Presidio NCOs; soldiers who demonstrate excellence in all aspects of their duties. In this opening column, senior NCOs on post give their views on what makes an outstanding NCO.

Dedication, say most NCOs in command positions, is the foundation of a soldier's success.

"You don't get the optimum results without a dedicated soldier," according to CSM Rose M. Aguayo, command sergeant major for Headquarters Command Battalion.

"A good soldier—short of doing something illegal—does whatever it takes to accomplish the mission," she explained.

Aguayo said exceptional NCOs are more devoted to their troops than they are to themselves. "The most dedicated NCOs I've

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Voices

Hey ma; we'll all survive base closure

by Liz Greeley

I talked to Mom last night. I was comforted to discover that if the base closes and I'm starving. I can go live with Aunt Dee. Mom arranged it.

"Well, if your starving...," she said

We're into our sixth month since the Presidio appeared on the base closure list, and I find we're still in peril of starvation. I had thought starvation a remote possibility at best. My mother. who knows better, passed along the sobering thought.

You see, *I* had thought with the Priority Placement Program and the entire Civilian Personnel Directorate working on placing civil servants (if needed), and all the other programs... Well, I guess I was wrong.

Mother knows best, and I guess I had better get dibs on the next empty refrigerator box I can find. The "Streets of San Francisco" won't be just a defunct television series for me....

Okay, I'm putting you on. I just get so tired of everyone taking base closure so deadly serious! It reminds me of the time I was in the hospital for 24 hours observation, and my mother looked like she was on death watch. I recovered from being observed.

I'll wager I'll recover from base closure too (if it happens). I admit the possible Presidio closure is a serious topic, but let's have some perspective... a sense of relativity around here!

First, the good people of the Civilian Personnel Directorate are doing their best to find out what will happen to various and sundry Presidians (including myself).

Second, they're keeping us informed as best they can as to what *will* happen to us if the base closes. (Folks, this isn't easy without a crystal ball. Maybe that explains why no matter how late I work I'm never the last person to leave the building.)

Third, they have all kinds of plans for us if the base does close. There's the Priority Placement Program; there's a program where you can *retreat* to an earlier position—which might come in handy—and there's the specter of the RIF.

Contrary to what seems to be popular belief, it is NOT the acronym for "Rest in Peace" misspelled. If a RIF (Reduction in Force) comes, you're notified well in advance of receiving a RIF notice. Besides, if it *should* happen that CPD is unable to find a job for you somewhere within the Department of Defense, there's still severance pay. Did you know you receive *more* pay if you're older than age 40?

Check with CPD on that—it probably depends upon your circumstnaces, etc. Unfortunately, most questions asked of CPD staff have to be answered with, "Well, it depends." I've met some of these people—they're people with blood, not ice water, in their veins just like us. It's not that they don't care about your questions; it's just that there are tons of regulations which govern so many different situations. But remember, *they* have the Ghost of Base Closure Future pointing a skeletal finger at them too!

Frankly....

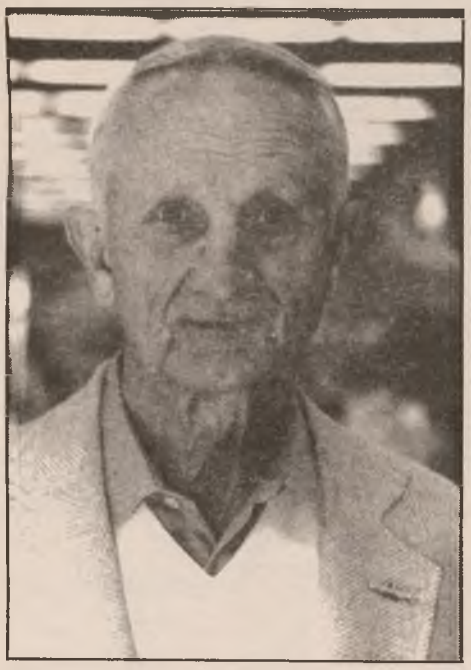
Look, let me be completely frank with you. This

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Ramblin' Sam

"What advice would you offer to graduating high school students?"



Edgar Albrick, retired high school teacher, retired Army lieutenant colonel: "Never quit learning. Be a lifelong learner. Learn from everyone you meet."



Debbie Fry, military family member: "Continue [your education] with college. Once you go to work or get married it's hard to get started again. Do it while you're young and you only have yourself to worry about."



Barbara Berry, management analyst, Directorate of Resource Management: "Seek higher education. Education is very important to be marketable in the work environment and to enhance your level of intelligence."



Kari Wilson, procurement clerk/typist, Directorate of Contracting: "As soon as you graduate from high school, keep your education going, as far as going to college. If it's not college, try to get some skills in government."

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is no time for hand-wringing, wailing, moaning or otherwise giving yourself an ulcer. That's counteproductive. Besides. It's no fun take my word for it—I tried it once or twice. As I see it, we should be gathering the facts calmly, checking our options—we do have options—and start considering what our decisions should be. And we won't be looking at a RIF notice for a while yet. So now is the time to plan what we will do if the Presidio of San Francisco closes.

Relativity

Now, I'm not going to bring up staying with Aunt Dee or some other relative. What I mean is *relatively speaking,* things aren't so bad. Yes! I said it and I mean it—we're not bad off!

If the base closes, we've been warned; and forewarned is forearmed. **We have time** to gather information, pick our options, make our plans. No one has pronounced us afflicted with an incurable disease; we're not going to *die.* Yet some of us are acting like we are going to perish. Just for the record, this is not true. As long as we're alive there's hope—even if someone **had** pronounced us terminal—just ask Norman Cousins. (He's the guy who beat cancer through what came to be known, I believe, as "Laugh Therapy.")

As I see it, the trick is to take an event (which in and of itself is neither positive nor negative) and find the **opportunities it presents.** Yes, that's exactly what I mean.

If you go in for homilies, there's, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." If you prefer philosophy to folk wisdom, there's Friedrich Nietzsche's statement, "That which does not kill you makes you stronger." I think that one's a little too grim for *our situation.*

Attitude adjustment

All you have to do is change how you view the possibility of base closure.

Look, I'm not insensitive to how everyone must feel: I've worked on this post since I was 20 years old—15 years ago. Practically my whole working life (except for a short stint in the Marine Corps) has been spent right here on the Presidio of San Francisco. When I became editor of the *Star Presidian* a few years back, I found it stressful just moving from building 38 to building 37. I'm not immune to the stress and strain; I don't have a radically different situation; and I'm definitely not a "Superwoman"! I *do* have my own warped way of looking at things—which includes the proposition that Presidio closure is not the end of the world.

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About that Ghost...

Getting back to the Ghost of Base Closure Future—if you play your cards right you can tell him, ***"Back off, Jack. It may impress the chicks..."*** Well, you see what I mean. Just in case though, there's something the instructors gave us when I was learning to be a journalist at the Defense Information School that may bring things into focus for you. I keep it taped to my file cabinet, and it goes like this...

Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people, like you and me
Are builders of eternity.
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A shapeless mass, and a bag of tools,
And each must fashion, ere his life
is flown.
A stumbling block....
Or a stepping stone.

Carpediem!—Sieze the day!

One thing Mr. Keating didn't say in "Dead Poets Society," was this: don't lose your sense of humor either.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go call my Aunt Dee now... have to find out where my stereo goes....

[Editor's note: Apologies to Bill Murray's character in "Scrooged."]

Writing contest

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Former and current correspondents are scheduled to attend and share their experiences with attendees. The three-day celebration also features a school tour, a picnic, a reception to honor alumni and a dinner/dance.

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known and admired," she related, "always sacrificed their own time and comfort for their troops.

"When soldiers were in the field, and had to ride over a pitted road, for instance, the NCO took the roughest seat, or even sat on the floor, so soldiers could rest. Some even went without food so soldiers could eat—that's leadership in action."

Sixth U.S. Army's top NCO, CSM Robert A. Whiteford, said exceptional NCOs are dedicated to the Army, the soldiers, and the mission.

"You've got to be dedicated to the country and the Army, and to the people you work with and for," said Whiteford.

"What causes soldiers to appreciate and follow their leaders is that they know the leader is looking out for their welfare," he continued.

SGM George R. Burk, director of instruction at Sixth U.S. Army's NCO Academy at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, said devotion to self-improvement should be a life-long goal for NCOs.

"[NCOs have] to have a willingness to correct their mistakes and strengthen their weaknesses," said Burk.

"They should be pursuing civilian education to whatever extent is possible, because their career depends on it," he said.

Whiteford said devotion to the mission was relatively worthless—without the courage and ability to accomplish it. For that reason, Whiteford said, "There are a lot of ways you can get a job done," he said, "and anyone who succeeds in the ranks, somewhere, displays a hell of a lot of initiative."

He explained, "Sergeants can't afford to sit back and wait for a blinding bolt of lightning to show them the way. *They've* got to come up with a blinding bolt of lightning."

Whiteford said competence in one's duties also marks a great leader. "If an NCO doesn't know how to do his job, then how can he lead others?" he asked.

That often involves a certain amount of courage, he said. "I shouldn't ask you to rappel unless I'm willing—and able—to do it too," he explained.

"In every person there are very good qualities," Whiteford said. "And I don't think there are any born leaders. They are developed; groomed.

"Leaders emerge."

Watch the *Star Presidian* for NCOs who meet these ideals, and who challenge themselves to follow the NCO Creed, which reads, in part: **All soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership. I will provide that leadership.**

POWC supports post organizations

by Joel P. Smith

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club recently gave $2,000 in scholarships. Another $1,911 was given to more than 10 charities.

"It's a way of saying thanks to the community for all they do for us," said Pamela B. Hughes, club president.

"We support soldiers and Army families because we believe strongly in the Army's mission," she explained.

Three scholarships valued at $500 each went to college-bound sons and daughters. A $500 check also went to a POWC member who demonstrated a "goal-oriented" approach to education, said Barbara M. Hug, with the POWC scholarship committee.

With money raised from membership dues, bake sales, a Christmas Bazaar, art show and donations, the club was able to fund many post organizations and outside charities.

The Soldier of the Month program, which names and rewards outstanding enlisted soldiers on post, received a donation. Also on the recipient list were: the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Project; Christian Children's Fund; American Red Cross; National Military Family Association; Army Distaff Foundation; Fort Point-Army Museum Association; Guide Dogs for the Blind; Religious Activities Center Halloween Carnival; Post Activities Day; and the Chaplain's Christmas Basket Program.

Of the club's donation to the USO, post USO director Ruth Ann Dorsey said, "Every financial aid is of great help, especially when you're operating on a shoestring budget. It makes me feel appreciated when they try so hard to support me and the USO."

Rosemary D. Jurney, Red Cross station chairman here, said the POWC donations were essential to Red Cross programs. "If we didn't have them [the POWC], we'd be in a pickle," said Jurney.

"We depend on them heavily for money and volunteer support," she added. Jurney said the Red Cross uses POWC donations to buy uniforms for volunteers, to pay for an annual Red Cross luncheon and to pay special education expenses of volunteers.

Volunteers for the Red Cross, Army Community Services, the Thrift Shop and several other post organizations are often recruited through the POWC, said Hughes.

"We're trying to foster a sense of community by participating in it," explained Hughes.

POWC also is a social club, with luncheons held at the Officers' Club Main Ballroom the first Thursday of every month.

Arietta M. Valenti, POWC president in 1987 and 1988, said the get-togethers bond the wives and direct their energies toward helping the post.

"We've got a cross-section of people from all over the world here," she said. "And anytime you get a diverse group of people working together, you're going to have a better community."

The social meetings, said Hughes, are like "group therapy." She explained, "There's a real stress factor in being in the military for several years. [POWC] is also a support group that shows you things you can do to adjust and keep the home situation the best it can be."

Hughes said new members benefit from the knowledge and experience of veteran POWC members who know how to get financial assistance, plan moves and deal with other challenges facing a military family.

"We can help people learn about the military, because we know the 'ins' and 'outs' of just about every situation," Hughes continued.

She said any woman who is a Department of Defense civilian, or is the wife of a DoD employee, with a GS-07 rating or above is eligible for membership in POWC.

Also eligible are: female commissioned and warrant officers in the Active Army or Reserves; wives of officers or local Reserve officers; family members over 18 living with an active duty military officer as their sponsor, and wives or widows of retired active duty officers.

Hughes said the club is now striving to reach younger members of the officer's community. "They've got a lot to contribute and we've got a lot to give to them."

Membership dues for a year are $15. For more information about the club, contact Hughes at **771-6746.**

Do You Know

The name given to night combat missions flown by helicopters in the Vietnam War?
firefly

When the U.S. Transportation Command was activated?
Oct. 1, 1987

The three component commands of the U.S. Transportation Command?
Military Airlift Command, Military Sealift Command and Military Traffic Management Command

The first person in space from a country other than the United States or Russia?
Vladimir Remek, Czechoslovakia
(March 2, 1978)

What sustained wind speed a hurricane must have to be classified as a Category 1 (least intense) hurricane?
73 mph

The wind speed for a Category 5 (most intense) hurricane?
155 mph

Who raised the first U.S. flag at the North Pole?
Cmdr. Robert E. Peary, USN
(April 6, 1909)

The two cities linked by the first Pony Express, which started on April 3, 1860?
Sacramento, Calif., and St. Joseph, Mo.

The term describing the capability of different national forces in an alliance to work together in a combat situation?
interoperability

How much more energy one pound of uranium contains compared to one pound of coal?
nearly 3 million times as much

The most widely used firearm in the Civil War?
Springfield Model 1863
(.58-caliber rifled musket)

The length of the Ohio-class strategic missile submarine?
560 feet

Honduras!

Fuertes Caminos '89—soldiers head south to

story and photos by Steve Morey

[Editor's note: Sgt. Steve Morey was in north central Honduras, Central America, from May 20 through 24, to cover Sixth U.S. Army's participation in the "Fuertes Caminos 1989" *exercise (January through July 1989). About 300 Reserve and National Guard soldiers are rotated into Honduras every two weeks for their Annual Training. The reservists, along with dozens of active duty soldiers, built a "farm-to-market" road, provided medical support and built three schoolhouses for the local Honduran people. This is the first of a series of features on "Fuertes Caminos 1989."]*

To most of the 24 U.S. soldiers from the 244th Engineer Battalion's Vertical Platoon, the schoolhouse might seem crude, probably not a place to send *their* children.

What the Aurora, Colo., troops might not realize is that to the locals, the new, U.S. Army-built schoolhouse is a grand haven for education—a palace of fine learning.

The 244th eningeers arrived May 20 at Camp Dacotah, the base camp for the exercise. They were at the work site 12 hours later, about two miles from the camp.

One of three to be built in the area by Army troops, the three-room schoolhouse is wood-framed and sided, topped with sheets of tin roofing. The wood shutter windows will stay open most of the time to vent the scorching heat which will accumulate under a sun-scorched metal roof.

The site's overall supervisor said the soldiers were excited about their Honduras training exercise.

"It's an adventure," said SSgt. Brian L. Hall. "We're going to learn about the country and get to go somewhere and do something out of the United States. The main thing I'll try to do is to keep morale up and try to make sure all soldiers are on the same wavelength."

The final result, said Hall, is mission completion. The soldiers were scheduled to finish building two schoolhouses and begin initial construction of a third before leaving June 4. In addition, the schoolhouses were filled with U.S. Army-made furniture.

Said Spec. Donald A. Stange, "Actually, I like it here. It's interesting. I like the projects they have lined up for us. Back at the reserve centers, we only worked on small projects."

"*Fuertes Caminos*" gives the soldiers hands-on, **real-world** training which they may not receive in the United States. A constant "real-world" reminder are the three Honduran soldiers providing security around the work site.

"We have to adjust to the situation at hand," explained Hall, "work with the tools and people we have. Being in the military, we're used to that, especially out here where we **expected** a different environment."

According to one of the platoon's construction NCOICs, annual training in Honduras is not only different, but the weather is a *bit* warmer. "Last year's Annual Training was in South Dakota where it was 68 degrees," recalled Sgt. John F. Doom.

"Yeah, you could say that was very different."

You also could say the other construction NCOIC was a "seasoned" veteran. "I'm used to the heat and the hot weather climate," said Sgt. Juan M. Hernandez. "I spent three years in Panama on active duty."

With the midday sun streaming down, the soldiers, whenever possible, worked on the building's shady side. Unlike Hernandez, the 100-degree temperatures and nearly 12 hours of air and bus travel affected other 244th soldiers.

"Everyone's a little jet-lagged right now. It's a little hot, but we'll get used to it," said Spec. Olin W. Hornsby as beads of sweat ran down the side of his face.

Hornsby and Hernandez, both carpenters, nailed two-by-fours into place to finish the frame for the schoolhouse bathroom, about 25 feet from the main building.

Nearby, three Honduran children mingled and joked with Spec. Ramon A. Lopez, from the 693rd General Supply Company, Los Angeles, Calif. Lopez, along with Hernandez, handled translation duties for 244th soldiers.

"They love us down here," said a smiling Lopez. "They're very friendly—we have a little trouble communicating at times, but I help those [U.S.] soldiers who can't speak Spanish."

Added Hall, "I think they really appreciate the fact that now they have a school to go to. Driving [into Camp Dacotah], it's like a different world."

For the 244th Engineer Battalion soldiers who left Honduras June 4, they departed with two weeks of hands-on, real-world training.

They also might have left with an appreciation of the finer things in life, such as *glass* windows and *indoor* plumbing.





Working on the schoolhouse bathroom, Sgt. Juan M.

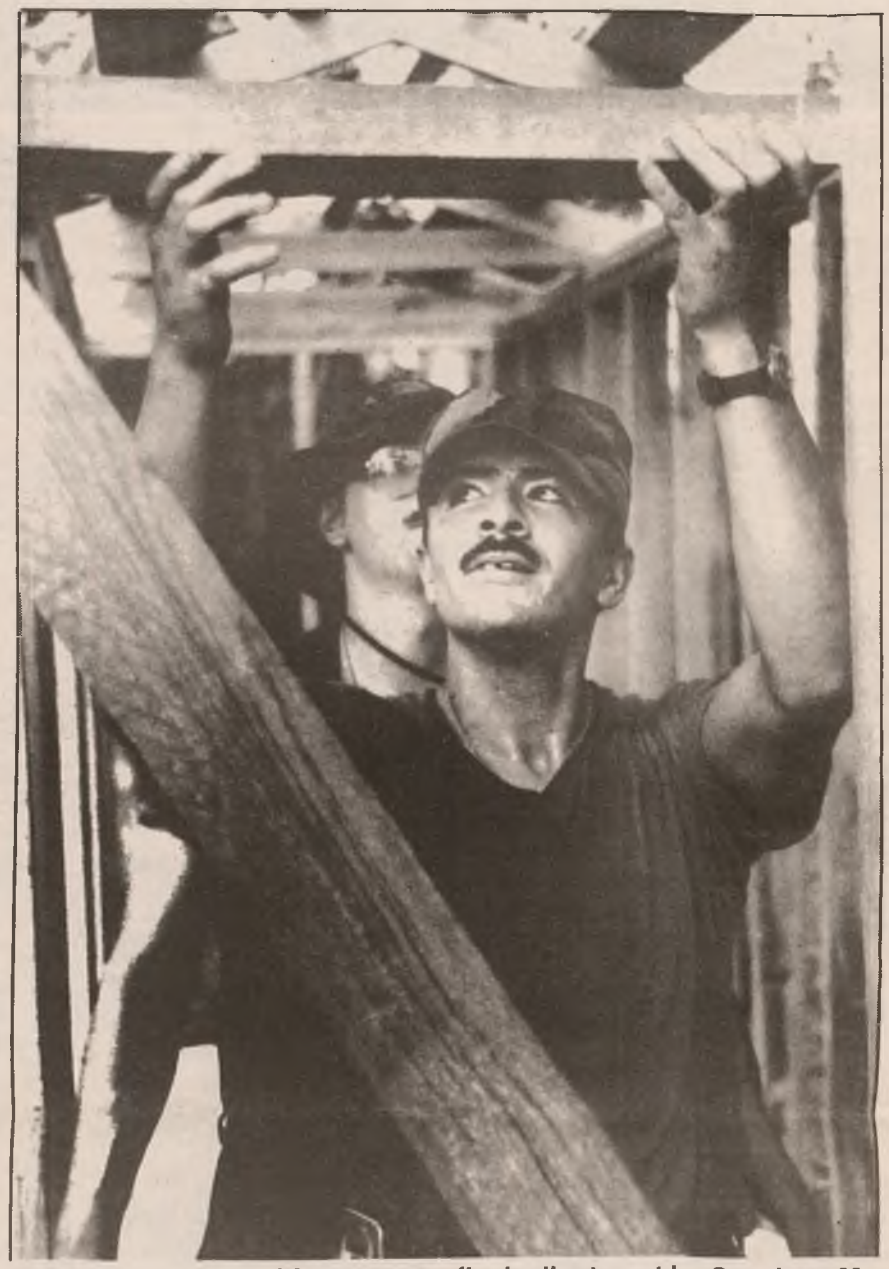


Spec. Ramon Lopez entertains local Honduran child

aid Hondurans



Hernandez wedges a two-by-four into the frame.



The bathroom's wood frame gets a final adjustment by Sgt. Juan M. Hernandez and his assistant, Spec. Olin W. Hornsby.



ren near the work-site.



Braving the late afternoon sun, Spec. Donald A. Stange takes his shift as weapons guard, which rotated each hour.

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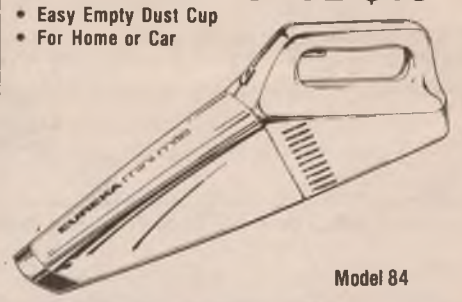
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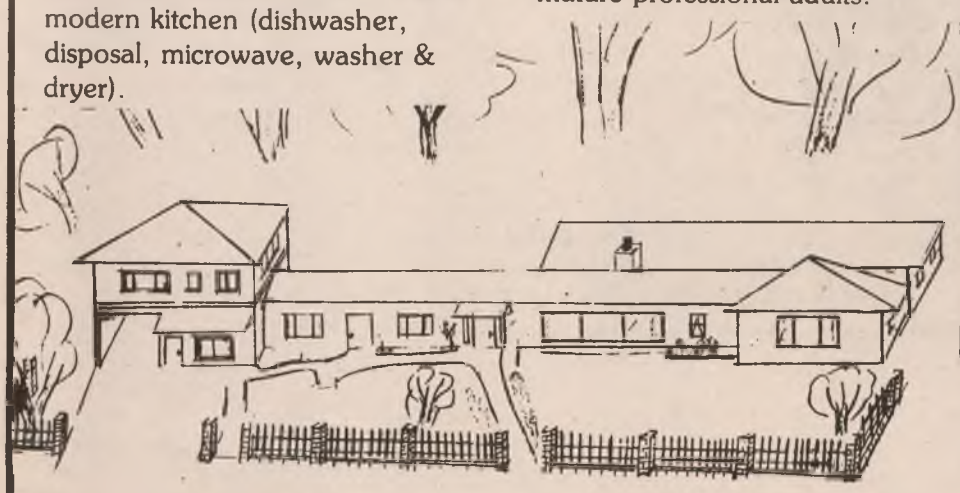
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Sports

All Army track stars burn bright

story and photos by Steve Morey

For Army's finest soldier-athletes, the wind was blowing on and off the playing surface during last week's Armed Forces Track and Field Championship at Vallejo High School and San Francisco State University (SFSU).

Gusting winds regularly swept high jump and pole vault bars off their settings. Runners, both long distance and sprinters, fought headwinds and crosswinds enroute to the finish line. Javelins seemed to take earlier than expected nosedives.

However, the morning of June 8 featured another force—the voice of Army Coach Charles Greene. After a less-than-commanding June 7 performance, the Army squad, mainly the women, listened to Greene lay it on the line.

Now or Never

"I told them it's now or never," recalled Greene after the Army men and women repeated their 1988 title, 151 points to the Air Force's 99. The Navy had 67 and the Marines followed with 62.

"I was concerned with our women's performance heading into the last day's [June 8] competition. I knew they were capable of better feats."

The Army women were tied at 22 points with the Air Force and Navy; the Marines (21) were close behind. After seven events June 7 and the javelin throw June 6, the women were put to the test on the final day.

Army's record-setting Laura Edmark said, "I guess when it really comes down to it, you have to ask yourself, 'How bad do you want it?'"

Edmark must've wanted it **real** bad. The long distance runner won the women's 5,000 meters with an Armed Forces record 17 minutes, 5.4 seconds. Edmark eclipsed Lori Bearson's, also from Army, 1988 record of 17:18.4.

"I just wanted to hang on the last 7, 8 or 9 laps," said a relieved Edmark. "The wind was a problem, it pushes you back. The times would've been much better without the wind.

"Teamwork was a key. All three of us [Edmark, Army's Teresa Sobiesk and Brenda Walton] worked together to take turns breaking the wind. Having someone else there keeps me motivated, makes me push."

Edmark kept pushing. She came back June 8 to win her second gold when she out-legged the Marines' Lauretta Miller by eight seconds in the 3,000 meters.

For the day, Army women took five firsts, one second place, three third places and one fourth place finish. It all equaled 28 points (for a three-day total of 50) and a women's team gold.

Presidio's Baheejah Sabir, from the U.S. Army Information Systems Command, wasn't a top contender in either of her events, the shot put and discus. But that didn't dampen her spirits.

"It's great! I lucked out on getting [the Presidio assignment] because I'm from the Bay Area." Sabir continued: "There's a lot of pressure during this tournament. I kept foot-faulting when I threw [the shot].

"But I plan to be here and ready in 1990—I want the gold next year! My main goal is to help make Army number ONE."

Army men repeat

Number one was just where Army's men finished after winning their division with 101 points, 41 more than second-place Air Force. The Navy had 30 while the Marines finished with 25.

Army's placed first, second, or both, during seven of eight final day events. John Register took the 200 and 400, was part of the Army's winning 400-meter relay team and finished second in the 110 hurdles.



Marilyn Gibbs floats to a second-place, Army long jump of 17', 7¾".



Early in the 5,000-meter run, Navy's Mark Donahue has a slim lead over Army's Mica Comstock, who finished in second. Six seconds behind Donahue's 14:21.58 gold medal time.

"I came out smart this time [200 meters] and followed a different strategy than in previous races. Instead of keeping an all-out, fast pace, I kept hitting another gear every few meters."

Register hit about fifth gear before winning with a time of 21.87. In both the 200 and 400, Register edged fellow Army racers. Thomas Johnson crossed the line about a second after Register in the 400.

"I didn't expect Register to go out that hard. I picked up the pace enough to keep second place."

In the 110 hurdles, the runners faced a head wind which shook the hurdles and might have cost Register another gold.

At the fifth hurdle, the wind hit Register and knocked him back. He composed himself through the sixth and seventh hurdles to claim second—only one-hundredth of a second behind teammate Dhorta Harrisee's 14.61.

In the men's field events, the Army took the triple jump, shot put, finished one-two in the javelin and took second in the hammer throw and discus.

The Army women won the long jump's gold and silver, took the high jump and finished third in the javelin. Jason Twedt, Army's top men's javelin thrower at 222 feet, 4 inches, summed up the windy conditions.

"The [SFSU] stadium has winds that swirl. It doesn't hurt, but it doesn't help, either. It's ideal to have a headwind to keep the [javelin] tip up."

For 20 U.S. Armed Forces athletes, they'll now train for the CISM (Conseil International Du Sport Militaire), held in Rome, Italy, from Sept. 18 through 25.

Coach Greene's final comments at Vallejo High School: "Be proud of the United States Armed Forces. The mission is the most important thing. Win the whole thing—win from the get-go."

And he's not just whistlin' in the wind.

Sports Notes

Outdoor recreation summer fun

On July 15, Outdoor Recreation will be hosting a salmon fishing trip aboard the Lucky Lady. The deadline for sign-up and payment is June 23.

Later that month, July 29, Outdoor Rec will take a group of Presidians to Russian River for a day of fun and canoeing. The trip includes wine tasting, canoeing, picnicking and a barbecue dinner. The cost is $30 a person. Children must be no younger than 6 years old to join the expdition.

Then on Aug. 19, there will be a day-long rafting trip on the lower American River. The $70 fee includes river equipment, lunch and transportation to and from the post. Again, children must be at least six years old to be included. For sign-up and payment, call the ITT office at **561-3992.**

On Sept. 9, there will be a bottom fishing (potluck) trip. The $42 cost includes the boat fee and transportation to and from the Presidio.

For information about any of these events, call Outdoor Recreation at **561-4324.**

Basketball deadline

Today is the deadline for entering the post's Summer Basketball League which begins Monday. Competition will be in two divisions: 3-on-3 (half court) and 5-player, full-court.

To be eligible, players must be active or retired military; Department of the Army civilian working on post; or family member of the abovementioned.

Entry fees, which must be hand-carried to Gym No.1, bldg. 63, must be made payable to "Installation Morale Support Fund." Half-court fee is $20 a team and full-court is $50 a team. For more information, call John Funes at **561-5032** or **561-4131.**

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Community Calendar

Blood drive

The LAMC/LAIR blood drive will be held today, June 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and tomorrow, June 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Schwartz Theater, LAMC. A free cholesterol test will be given at the same time.

Annual leave donation request

A Letterman Army Institute of Research employee, Richard Katona, has a life-threatening illness and is in need of donated annual leave. He will need as much as 500 hours. Katona has a wife and two young children; he has exhausted his accrued annual and sick leave.

Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact the Management Employee Relations office, Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37.

Metal recycling

The Automotive Skills Center, bldg. 662, accepts all metals such as old appliances, pots and pans, skis, auto parts, and old batteries for recycling. Don't contaminate dumpsters or the grounds of the Presidio. Even if you have an old "junker" car, just sign it over to the Auto Skills Center.

Profits from the sale of scrap metal help support all Morale Support Fund activities. The Center accepts metal Wednesday through Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Jim Porter at 561-5521 for more information.

Sailing lessons

The Presidio Yacht Club offers sailing lessons. Lessons are held two consecutive weekend mornings.

The lessons are open to active duty soldiers and their family members, DA civilians and retirees. The cost is $35 and information is available by calling the Yacht Club at 332-2319.

Bon voyage

All Presidians are invited to a "Bon Voyage Breakfast" honoring Sister Joan of Arc on June 22, at 7:30 a.m., sponsored by the Chaplain's Division. The breakfast will be at the Letterman Army Medical Center Chapel, room 106.

Reservations are not necessary, but it would be helpful if you could let the LAMC Chapel Office know of your intent to be there. Call 561-2351 or 561-2372.

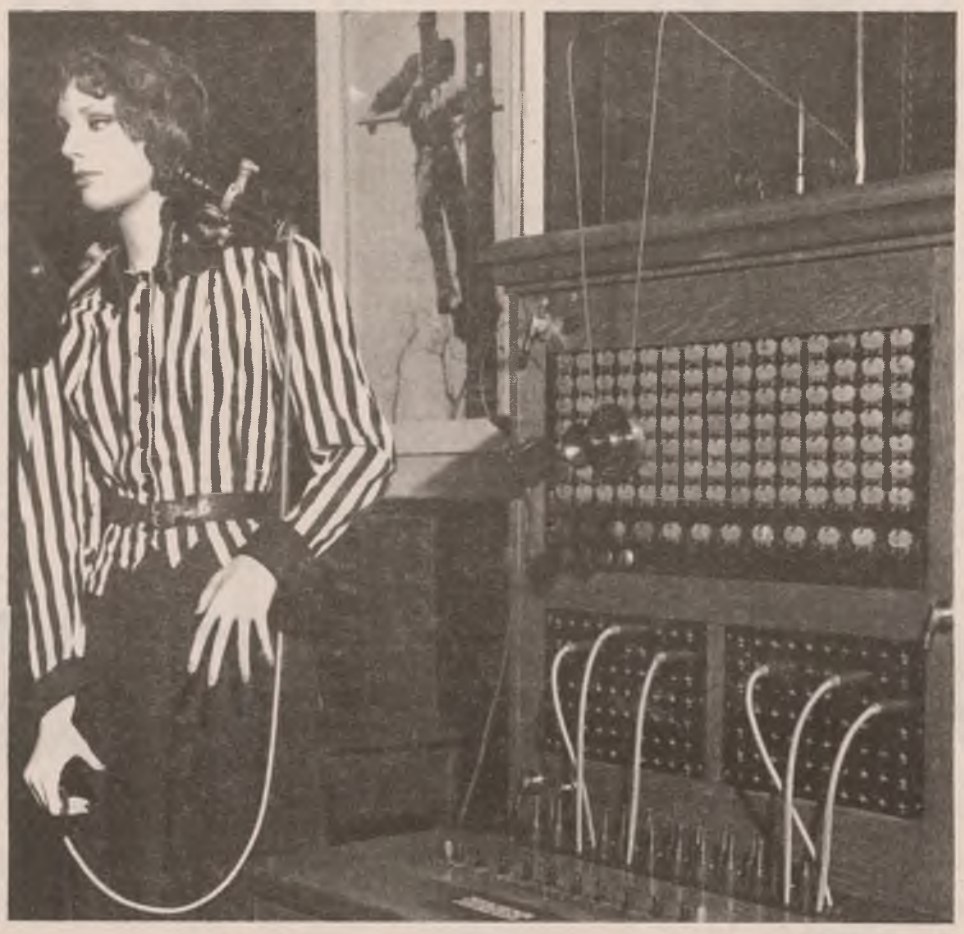


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SOMA summer spots

SOMA—South of Market—spots in San Francisco vary from the Telephone Pioneer Communications Museum (above) to night clubs, discount outlets and restaurants. There are dozens of fun spots scattered about the city's South of Market area.

Summer youth activities

Youth Activities (YA) is having an all-out search for talent. If you think you've got what it takes, come to the auditions on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center, bldg. 1331.

YA is hosting a trip to Great America on June 23 at 8 a.m. Tickets will cost $12.75 and the transportation is free.

Teens, looking for summer fun? Come to the Street Dance and Party at noon June 24. The cost is $3 a person and each ID card holder can bring one guest. For a day of music and excitement, go to the Youth Center.

This year, instead of offering summer dance classes, YA will offer an intensive one week dance camp. For children ages 4 and 5 years old, the classes meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $90 a week and includes classes in preballet, pre-tap, music and tumbling. For children six years and older, classes meet Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Included are classes in creative dance, tap, music appreciation and tumbling. There are three sessions; June 26 through 30, July 24 through 30 and Aug. 14 through 18. For more information call Kathy Plambeck 931-6250.

For information about all of these events, call Deloris Moore, YA program director at 561-5910. Also, the Youth Activities Teen Council will be meeting every Friday at 6 p.m. in bldg. 1331.

ITT happenings

Looking for summer thrills, join ITT and experience the Bay Area's premier water theme park RAGING WATERS. There are more than 30 exciting water attractions, including a dozen water slides, river rides, a wading lagoon and much more! The trip will be July 8 and the cost is $16.50 a person.

The Tahoe summer bug is bitting... Come with ITT on the next overnight Lake Tahoe trip. You will be leaving July 22 and return the 23rd. The cost is $35 a person (double occupancy).

ITT can special order tickets for events at the Concord Pavilion and the Circle Star Theater in San Carlos, Calif.

For information about these summertime activities, call ITT at 561-3992, in bldg. 215.

SATO travel

If you are in the mood for a summertime get-away, visit SATO. They have package deals for southern California. And for you last-minute travelers, there is a 24-hour advance purchase round trip to London for $499 through June 30. Starting July 1 the fare will be $559. These tickets are non-refundable.

Call SATO at 561-2314.

Auditions

If you're age 13 years old or older, audition for a summer musical. *The Upside of Down* is a musical play that encourages today's youth to say no to drugs and yes to life. If you like to sing and would like to spend the summer with your friends putting on a fun and rewarding show, come to the auditions on June 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. or June 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Youth Activities, bldg. 1331

If you don't sing, that's OK, there are some non-singing parts. A backstage crew is needed too, so come on over to the auditions and find out what it's all about.

For information, call Kathy Plambeck at 931-6250.

Presidio Army Ball

The Presidio Army Ball will be held July 29, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the NCO/Enlisted Club on post. All active duty soliers, reservists, and Department of Defense civilians (and their spouses) are invited to attend. Attire will be formal for civilians, dress blue or dress greens with white shirt and bow tie for Army, and other service's appropriate military "after-six" attire.

For tickets or information call your unit's first sergeant or sergeant major.

This year the ball will be celebrating the 1989 Army theme—"The Year of the NCO."

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, June 15: Cyborg (R), 7 p.m. Jean Claude Van Damm, Deborah Richter. In a devastated post-apocalyptic society, a young man searches for those who murdered his family.

Fri, June 16: Cyborg (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, June 17: Oliver and Company (G), 7 p.m. Loosely based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist," this delightful dog and cat comedy features a pack of misfit mongrels and orphaned kittens. Animated.

Sun., June 18: Major League (R), 7 p.m. Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. A marvelous screwball comedy about the antics of an unlikely pennant-winning baseball team.

Mon., June 19: Major League (R), 7 p.m.

Tue., June 20: Major League (R), 7 p.m.

Wed., June 21: Merchants of War (R), 7 p.m. Asher Braune, Jesse Vint. A thrilling, no-holds-barred adventure of intrigue and espionage.

Thu., June 22: She's Out of Control (PG), 7 p.m. Tony Danza, Ami Dolenz. A widowed father desperately tries to cope with his teenage daughter's seemingly overnight transition from wallflower to knockout.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, June 16:	Cocoon: The Return (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat, June 17:	Beauty and the Beast (G)	1 p.m.
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News Briefs

No fireworks allowed

Presidians are reminded that the sale, storage, possession or use of fireworks is prohibited on all Army property, including Army-owned housing areas.

DEH closes for picnic

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing will be closed tomorrow, June 23, for the DEH Annual Family Picnic.

Self-Help Center

Starting now, all clearances from the Self-Help Center will require a one-day turnaround. Clearance forms turned in at the center can be picked up the following morning after 10 a.m. on days when the center is open.

Finance and Accounting closes for picnic

The Finance and Accounting Office bldg. 102, will be closed tomorrow, June 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. for the Organizational Day picnic. Only emergency payments will be accepted during that afternoon.

CPD closes

The *Civilian Personnel Directorate* will be closed every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. Due to an increase in work and a reduction of staff, CPD Chief Janet J. Rosselle reports this is necessary to permit her staff to catch up and complete their work. Emergencies will be handled as needed and phone messages will be taken.

The Job Information Center however, still will be open all day—7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New disabled parking placards needed

All blue and yellow California disabled parking placards issued since June 1987 expire on June 30. A new parking placard may be received by sending a renewal form and $6 check to: DMV Renewal, P.O. Box 942894, Sacramento, Calif., 94294-0001. Presidians also may visit a DMV office and fill out the paperwork in person. Renewal of the placard does not require a medical certification.

New OER enrollees

The deadline to register Presidio children—**new** enrollees only—in the Optional Enrollment Request (OER) program is July 15.

OER forms should be hand-carried, along with proof of military address, to 170 Fell Street, room 10A (student assignments office) in San Francisco. OER is available to Presidians who want to send their child or children to a school different than their zoned school.

For more information, call Terry Echterling or Starine Cheek from Army Community Service at 561-5156.

Thrift Savings Plan

For employees hired before July 1988, this is the open season to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan. Presidians have until July 31 to complete their forms.



During his homily, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph K. Anderson stresses the importance of "keeping the faith," even away from home.

Honduras: *dust-choked trail spurs chaplain*

story and photos by Steve Morey

[Editor's note: In late May, Sgt. Steve Morey was in north central Honduras, Central America, to cover Sixth U.S. Army's participation in the Fuertes Caminos *1989 exercise (January through July 1989). This is the second of a series of features on* Fuertes Caminos *1989.]*

It was a sweltering 90 degrees—and rising. At 10 a.m., Camp Dacotah was three hours into its workday. Trucks, loaded with soldiers and equipment, headed to the worksites while helicopters buzzed overhead, kicking up clouds of dust.

Inside an Army tent, however, the scene was more calm. On wooden benches sat a dozen U.S. soldiers, their battle dress uniform shirts long-abandoned for the brown T-shirt look. A robust man stood behind a cloth-draped metal folding table.

He wore an ankle-long white robe beneath which poked a pair of dusty combat boots; around his neck was a rainbow-colored sash which nearly touched the wood-planked floor. A fan in the back of the tent provided momentary breezes and the man raised his outstretched arms and blessed the bread and wine before him.

It's Catholic Mass on Sunday, May 21, in Honduras, Central America.

Who's counting?

"We don't worry about numbers too much," Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph K. Anderson said of his sparsely populated "church." He explains that the most recent wave of Reserve and National Guard soldiers arrived the day before and may not be aware of the morning services.

"Most people are religious," continued Anderson. "You just have to wake them up to the fact.

"I think religion is more important to some than to others. My job is to provide a service to the soldiers and, from the Army's point of view, it's mandatory to be given the opportunity to go to church."

Anderson is the staff chaplain from Soto Cano U.S. Air Force Base, 70 miles south of Camp Dacotah. He also is the only U.S. Catholic chaplain in Honduras, where 97 percent of the population is Catholic.

"I do the work of an ordinary priest, but mostly in a field situation. My job keeps me on the move from early Saturday to Sunday evening," explained Anderson, who covers 700 to 800 miles each weekend in a weathered Ford Bronco.

Catholic canine cohort

He travels with his partner, a 2-year-old English bulldog named Henry. "Since I travel alone a lot and I don't carry any weapons, I have Henry to keep me company. He's very brave—sometimes . . . ."

Their dusty evangelistic trail over heavy terrain takes them from Soto Cano to U.S. Army bases like Camp Dacotah and Camp Castle, 35 miles west of the *Fuertes Caminos 1989* base camp. During the week he visits local Honduran churches and villages to distribute U.S. Army-donated gifts and money.

As one Sunday worshiper put it, "We're here to serve others [Hondurans]," said Maj. Dan A. Betancourt, executive assistant for Sixth U.S. Army in Utah, and an evaluator of *Fuertes Caminos 1989*.

"It's also important, when you're away from home, to remember your moral ethics, especially when it's hot and you're in a stressful situation."

see Chaplain, page 6

Voices

Hey soldier, looking for a good time?

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Just the other day the circus was in town. There were no big top tents or lions, but there were a lot of happy children from the Child Development Center and a passel of even happier clowns.

Last Friday, the Presidio hosted San Francisco's "Make a Circus." Children from the CDC took bag lunches, sat on bleachers with their caregivers and enjoyed a couple hours of a unique mini-circus. Clowns from the Fort Mason-headquartered group demonstrated their versatility by weaving a storyline through a performance especially designed to showcase the clown's abilities.

There were jugglers, acrobats, a trapeze artist, a stiltwalker, a pie thrower and even a rapping kid from the barrio. And there was a lot of fun for everyone; performers and giggling children alike.

What made this circus different was the way the clowns asked, no *demanded* audience participation. The children were asked to locate stray clown children to the delight of the many tattlers in the bleachers.

After the structured part of the performance, there were various workshops for the kids who were shown the secrets to tumbling, juggling or other clown-like specialties.

This circus reminded Presidians summer really is here. It's time to dust off those baseball gloves, see if last year's swimming suit still fits and join in the fun.

Presidians are fortunate there are so many things to do during the summer. Next time the kids are singing the "I'm soo-o-o-o bored" song, try some of these outings.

There's the old stand-by, the zoo! San Francisco has a great zoo and there's even a children's zoo. It's relatively inexpensive ($5 for adults), and you can get there by bus. The zoo is located on Sloat Boulevard at the Great Highway.

How about Golden Gate Park? There is the California Academy of Sciences which houses the Steinhart Aquarium, the planetarium and until Sept. 10, the Dinofest with 11 automated almost lifesize beasties. There you also will find the DeYoung Museum and of course miles of botanical splendor. There is even a small Victorian-era conservatory where you can see all kinds of exotic plants and flowers. The admission charges are reasonable and on the first Wednesday of the month everyone gets in free.



Star Presidian file photo

You may not find guys like this on every street corner, but there are still plenty of things to do in San Francisco this summer.

ITT has a plan to cure the summertime blahs too. They offer discount tickets to Presidians (military and civilians alike) to Marine World Africa, USA; Great America and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Each of these outings should keep the family busy for at least an afternoon apiece. Call or visit ITT, bldg. 215, at 561-3992 for a price list.

Then there are the out-of-doors activities for the "ah but I don' wanna go to the movies again" kids. How about a trip to the Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center on the Headlands? There is no charge and you can watch experts care for injured and ill animals. They are open every day from 10 a.m. to4 p.m. Call 331-SEAL for information.

For hiking, try a trek to Mt. Tamalpais or Mt. Diablo. Mt. Tan is in Marin County and in addition to trails boasts an outdoor theater. Plays are on weekends; check the newspaper weekend listings for full details. Mt. Diablo, in the East Bay, has spots for hikers and climbers.

Then there's sports . . . The Oakland A's have tons of summe games and they offer half-price tickets to soldiers for all Coliseum games. Soldiers also can get free tickets to the San Francisco Giants by presenting an active duty ID card. Call the Giant's box office for price information for family members at 467-8000. The A's box office number is 638-6000.

Enjoy the sun (when there is some) and have a great summer!

Ramblin' Sam

"How do you feel about Army PXs and commissaries selling condoms?"



Lori Reyes, military family member: "It's a good idea. We need to focus on changing people's ideas and educating them. Condoms are a part of life now, with AIDS being a big issue."



Spec. Carolin Queen, Ear, Nose and Throat technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I think it's a good idea. I think they should be available to everybody, so why not make them available to soldiers, too."



Capt. Jack Martin, action officer, Sixth U.S. Army office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training: "Condoms are necessary with the rise of AIDS and all these venereal diseases. They should be sold anywhere and everywhere they could help soldiers."



Spec. Willie Williams, administration specialist, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel: "They need to. I was reading yesterday Army AIDS cases have increased in the last two or three years. I think having condoms may help deter the disease."

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Presidio

CPD solves Qs and As on base closure

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

To prepare Presidians for the probable closure of the post between 1991 and 1995, the Civilian Personnel Directorate (CPD) has been conducting workforce briefings. These briefings, aimed at civilian employees, are being given to let Presidians know what to expect in the future. They provide general information on employee rights in a Reduction in Force (RIF) or Transfer of Function (TOF). According to the Civilian Personnel Officer, Janet J. Rosselle, specific questions should still be handled between the employee and his or her supervisor. If the supervisor cannot answer a question, CPD staff can help.

In holding these briefings, the CPD staff have reported hearing some of the same questions over and over. Since these seem to be areas of common concern to many Presidians, some of these questions are answered here to let everyone understand just what may happen in the future, should the post close.

Q: What is the lead time for a RIF notice?

A: An agency is required to give an employee 30 days written notice of a RIF. In the workforce briefings, CPD staff members have said they expect to be able to give Presidians at least 60 days advance notice. In addition, an employee can request leave without pay to extend the total period to 90 days.

Q: What happens if I turn down a Priority Placement Program (PPP) job offer?

A: You would no longer be registered wth PPP.

Q: When registering for PPP I must put down a commuting area in which I would accept employment. What is the definition of the commuting area?

A: The definition of a commuting area is up to you, the employee. When registering, you will be asked exactly where you would accept a new Department of Defense (DoD) position. That will be your commuting area.

Q: How many grade levels below my current job can I be assigned in the event of a RIF?



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Civilian employees, like Yoko Kelton with Training and Audio-Visual Support Center, are wondering what will happen when the Presidio closes.

A: In a RIF you may displace other employees who are three grade intervals below your grade. A grade interval depends on the normal promotion pattern for your job. If you have no RIF assignment, you could be offered a job at a lower level.

Q: Will Garrison employees be offered a Transfer of Function?

A: No, the Garrison is deactivating and therefore will not be transferring to any other location.

Q: Will Sixth U.S. Army employees be offered a Transfer of Function?

A: That depends on your job and whether or not your "function" is already being performed at Fort Carson, Colo. For more specific information, you must talk with a CPD representative.

Q: What are my chances of getting a new job in the Bay Area?

A: Again, this depends on what you do. Some jobs, like clerk-typists, are very much in demand in the Bay Area.

Q: Do I have rights to non DoD vacancies in the Bay Area?

A: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) operates the Displaced Employee Program (DEP) to help federal employees who will be losing (or have already lost) their jobs. DEP is an interagency program and according to OPM regulations, it blocks agencies from hiring someone from a civil service register as long as qualified people are listed with DEP.

You are eligible for help through DEP if you have received a RIF notice or you have declined a TOF.

Another OPM program is the Interagency Placement Assistance Program (IPAP). This program helps federal employees before they lose their jobs. An employee can be registered in IPAP if they are turning down a TOF or are being RIF-ed.

Q: How long will I be registered with PPP?

A: You can be registered when you receive a RIF letter and remain registered for a year after separation unless you are placed in a new job or turn down a job offer.

Q: What if I accept a position in a new location; will my relocation expenses be paid for?

A: The government will bear the cost of moving an employee and his or her household to a new location. CPD staff members can answer specific questions on how to list your home when the time comes and what alternatives you may consider.

Other questions are still being sent in to the *Star Presidian* office. If we haven't yet addressed your concerns, let us know. These question and answer articles will be appearing regularly to let Presidians know their various options and rights. The *Star Presidian* office is in bldg. 37, room 215.

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs as VRA or 30 percent disabled veterans).

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Soldiers Should Know

HAAF flight crew aids sheriff's search

by Sharon E. Everett

The first call came in at 4:45 p.m. on May 26. Capt. John Ley, duty officer for Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army that night, spoke to Nick Tibbets, administrative assistant to Humboldt County Congressman Douglas Bosco.

"We've got a plane down near Eureka," Tibbets said. "We need your assistance for search and rescue."

The second call came at 7 p.m. Forces Command tasked Sixth Army's flight detachment, at Hamilton Army Air Field, to help the search and rescue mission by helicopter. The Civil Air Patrol's fixed-wing aircraft were unable to adequately maneuver in the steep canyons of the search area.

Several crews conducted an extensive search. Over the next four days, the detachment had flown 28 sorties for a total of 38 hours in air.

On June 1, the mission was passed to Lt. Col. Jim Means and a crew of three: Lt. Col. Milt Baugh, co-pilot; Spec. Eloy Cabrera, crew chief, and Spec. Casey Callahan, observer. This was Means' first search and rescue since coming to Sixth Army—and his first since Vietnam.

The Civil Air Patrol reported the small private plane, with its four passengers, had gone down somewhere in the Salmon-Trinity Alps. The search effort was complicated by the fact that the pilot had not filed a flight plan, and therefore the search and rescue team had to cover the entire area from Eureka to Clearlake, about 120 miles south.

That afternoon, the crew in the UH-IH 'Huey' helicopter was flying toward Island Mountain, southeast of Eureka, and only six miles east of an area searched that morning. Suddenly, they noticed something out of the ordinary in a steep-sided box canyon about seven miles west of Ruth Lake—something white lying on the ground nearly 300 feet below the snowline.

That 'something' turned out to be a wing which had separated from the missing aircraft; the rest of the fuselage was another 80 meters further down the canyon.

Means landed the Huey on a ridge near the canyon. The crew hiked down the steep ravine to confirm that they had found the missing aircraft. After finding no survivors, they made their way back to the helicopter.

Means flew to a higher altitude to radio the news to the Civil Air Patrol at Mary's Field, near Eureka, and inform them of the downed aircraft's location. This proved difficult; the distance was too great. Means finally reached the Ukiah flight service station, which contacted Mary's Field by telephone. The Civil Air Patrol and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office began the recovery operation, and the Sixth U.S. Army flight crew headed for home. Against difficult odds, the missing plane had been found.



photo by Chuck Blancet

Spec. Eloy Cabrera, Lt. Col. Jim Means, and Spec. Casey Callahan (Lt. Col. Milt Baugh not pictured) are the Sixth U.S. Army flight team who recovered a missing private plane in the Salmon-Trinity alps.

Editor's note: This mission illustrates Sixth U.S. Army's commitment to assist civil authorities in times of need. Whether it's flood control, earthquake survival assistance, or a search and rescue flight, Sixth U.S. Army is there to help provide disaster relief.

Post to conserve water by following new rules

by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing staff

You may be breathing a sigh of relief now that the threat of water rationing is fading into memory, but rationing could easily become a reality if Californians don't take actions to conserve and wisely use water.

Last year San Francisco reduced the allocation of city water given to the Presidio. Although the post's water treatment plant can produce 2.3 million gallons of water daily, our peak summer demand can easily run to four million gallons a day.

Where do we get the extra 1.7 million gallons? You guessed it, either from San Francisco, or in the case of Fort Barry and Fort Baker, from Marin County.

Last summer Presidians were asked to take conservation seriously. As a result, we reduced our previous "appetite" for water and managed to live within our allocation. However, continued conservation—which translates to intelligent use—is essential. The Directorate of Engineering and Housing staff ask you to follow these guidelines to help the Presidio conserve water:

- Do not water lawns or gardens during the middle of the day. Watering must be done early in the morning—before 10 a.m.—or in the late afternoon—after 4 p.m.
- Lawns and shrubs should be watered no more than twice a week. Quarters with odd numbered addresses may water on odd number days, and even number quarters may water on even days.
- Automobile washing will be limited to one car per family a week. The hoses must be equipped with a nozzle capable of being shut off when not in use.
- Water must not be regularly used to hose-down patios, sidewalks, driveways, etc. These areas can be cleaned with a broom or blower.

Following these simple water conservation rules will ensure Presidians use water wisely outdoors. Indoor water use also must be cut back. Use these rules to decrease your water use:

- Use the shower rather than bathtub for bathing;
- Shower for no longer than five minutes;
- Use the dishwasher or washing machine only when full; and
- Don't run the water continuously when shaving or brushing teeth.

Although we at the Presidio and its subinstallations are not in immediate danger of having our water supply shut off, conservation is the key to an adequate water supply during the dry summer months. Everyone needs to help conserve water so that it will be available when we need it.

For information, call Maj. Frederick R. Ferrin at 561-4800.

Honduras!

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'God is on your side'

Betancourt added there's always a "small danger" when visiting a foreign country, especially in such a volatile area of the world.

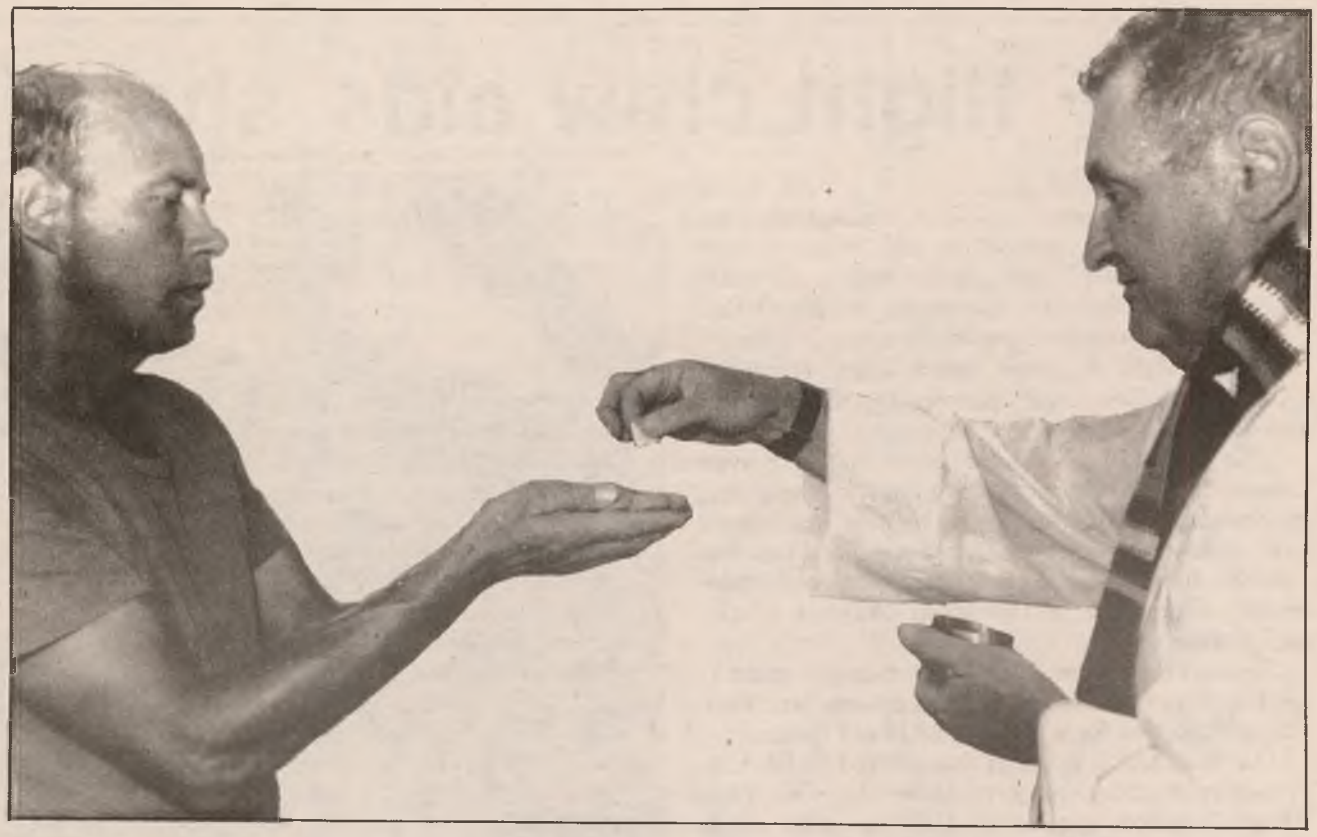
"It's nice to know God is on your side."

For CW02 Ronald X. Venjohn, he said he wouldn't feel right if he didn't go to church every Sunday. "This is a big part of my life. For me, it's a chance for spiritual renewal and regrowth. Like they say, 'If the spirit moves you . . . .' "

Venjohn, who is from Headquarters Company, 141st Engineer Battalion, Valley City, N.D., agreed that things can get a bit harried when the Honduran heat hits.

"It gets easy to lose your temper," says Venjohn. "Through my faith, I can take a step backward and think about the situation at hand and just relax."

For Anderson and his pal, Henry, Sunday Mass at Camp Dacotah is all in a weekend's work. For Anderson's congregation, it's a cooling-off period from the tropical temperatures.



CWO2 Ronald Venjohn receives Holy Communion from Chaplain Anderson.

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AIDS in the Army–court upholds safe sex reg

by Liz Greeley

In William Faulkner's novel, "As I Lay Dying," the first image is of people watching a pine coffin being built.

A soldier is told he (or she) has tested HIV-positive. He has the Human Immunodeficiency Virus in his system—but doesn't have an active case of AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, yet. It could be years before HIV-positive becomes AIDS-positive, or it could be months.

Does that young soldier now keep watch over a shoulder. . . always watching. . . always waiting. . . for people with hammers and nails and pine boards to appear? What *is* the fear he must live with—knowing the pine box will be custom-built just for him—but not knowing *when?*

Some Army officers have had to call young soldiers into their offices and tell them about the coffin-builders who may appear one day. Headquarters Command Battalion Commander Lt. Col. John M. Razel is one of those officers.

How would he feel? How *does* he feel? He seems to have more questions than answers; perhaps questions born out of anguish.

"I would feel inadequate to express the empathy I have for this individual," he said.

"How would I tell this person? What do you say that's going to make it better?"

"And to answer your next question, 'Yes, I've had to do it," he said painfully.

"You counsel them on how they're to behave socially; you counsel them about the regs regarding their social conduct. But how do you tell a young soldier he or she's going to die?" he asked, but it was almost a statement. If pain or empathy could speak, it might have just this tone of voice.

'I haven't had to tell anyone they've turned up HIV-positive yet, knock on wood.'

Razel has had to face young people who thought of their future in decades; not years or even months. Others, like Law Enforcement Company's Commander, Capt. Joseph F. Sweeney, have been more fortunate.

"I haven't had to tell anyone they've turned up HIV-positive yet, knock on wood, " he said as knuckles rapped on wood in the background.

How would he feel if he had to break the news to one of his soldiers? Silence. . . then a somber tone.

"That would be a very hard thing to do," he said.

"I would feel somewhat upset. . . confused. Oh, I don't know—sadness, I guess," he said thoughtfully.

"I would try to instill in them the confidence that they've still got a useful life to lead," he continued after explaining that before embarking on such a mission, he would search for all the experts he could find to tell him how to say such a thing to someone.

"I would direct them to all the support agencies I could find—agencies to help them physically and psychologically."

'He would be dead meat as far as I'm concerned...'

Something new

Telling someone awful news isn't new to the Army, although AIDS certainly is a new and horrifying twist of fate. Newer yet, though, is the person who has been told he (or she) has tested HIV-positive and hasn't abided by the Army Regulation 600-110—the "safe sex" regulation.

In a recent case before the Court of Military Review, the court turned down an appeal by a soldier court-martialed because he violated that regulation, though he was informed about the regulation (and the devastating effects of AIDS) both verbally and in writing. Spec. Gerardo L. Negron was told he had the HIV antibody (a precondition to contracting AIDS itself): he was ordered to practice safe sex (by using a condom) and to tell any future sexual partner of his recently diagnosed condition.

According to Maj. Paul Capofari of the Office of the Judge Advocate General at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., "He was court-martialed for disobeying his commander's order, one that simply required him to inform his sexual partners that he was infected with HIV so they would fully know the risk they were taking."

Not only did Negron fail to mention the HIV antibody (though he wore a condom) to his woman companion, but he didn't bring up the existence of the spouse from whom he was separated.

Negron's appeal to the Court of Military Review was based on the lawfulness and Constitutionality of the order (to pratice safe sex and inform his partner of his condition) arguing that the order violated his right to privacy.

The court upheld the court-martial and the "safe sex" regulation; he found no sympathizers at court. Nor would he have found sympathizers among Presidio officers—even those anguished by having to break such news to soldiers like Negron.

Razel likened an uninformed sex partner to a rape victim. If she wouldn't have been a willing partner if she had known, then it's like rape isn't it? It's having sex with someone with whom you wouldn't otherwise [had she known his condition] be willing, he said.

If it had been *unprotected* sex, Razel said he thought that would be akin to attempted murder, "because it's fatal."

Sweeney said moral judgement would have to be passed as the soldier stood in front of the Pearly Gates and explained himself. Nevertheless, an HIV-positive soldier receiving a counseling of the regulatory provisions would find Sweeney most unsympathetic if the soldier disobeyed his commander, his orders and Army regulations.

"He would be dead meat as far as I'm concerned and I'd do my best to see the sun doesn't set on his head with him in my company," he said, caught up in the idea. Sweeney added that, of course, he'd inform his battalion commander, tell him what he had in mind and await guidance.

Sweeney said a soldier desobeying his commander shows "he can't take instruction and probably shouldn't be in the Army."

Provost Marshal Maj. William Reese said the court, if anything, was lenient. "I think the charge [against Negron] should be attempted murder," he said, echoing Razel.

"It seems to me that if someone gives this disease to another person, without trying to protect them, then it's like giving them a time capsule with poison in it," he elaborated.

It would appear that officers otherwise sympathetic to the plight of an afflicted soldier feel differently toward someone who behaves irresponsibly with such a deadly disease.

Apparently in Presidio officers' eyes the only thing worse than watching your pine coffin being built, is having it made for two.

Would Faulkner's words have had the same impact under the title, "As We Lay Dying?" Perhaps, but it almost certainly would not be worth it.

Joel P. Smith contributed to this article.

'I think the charge should be attempted murder.'

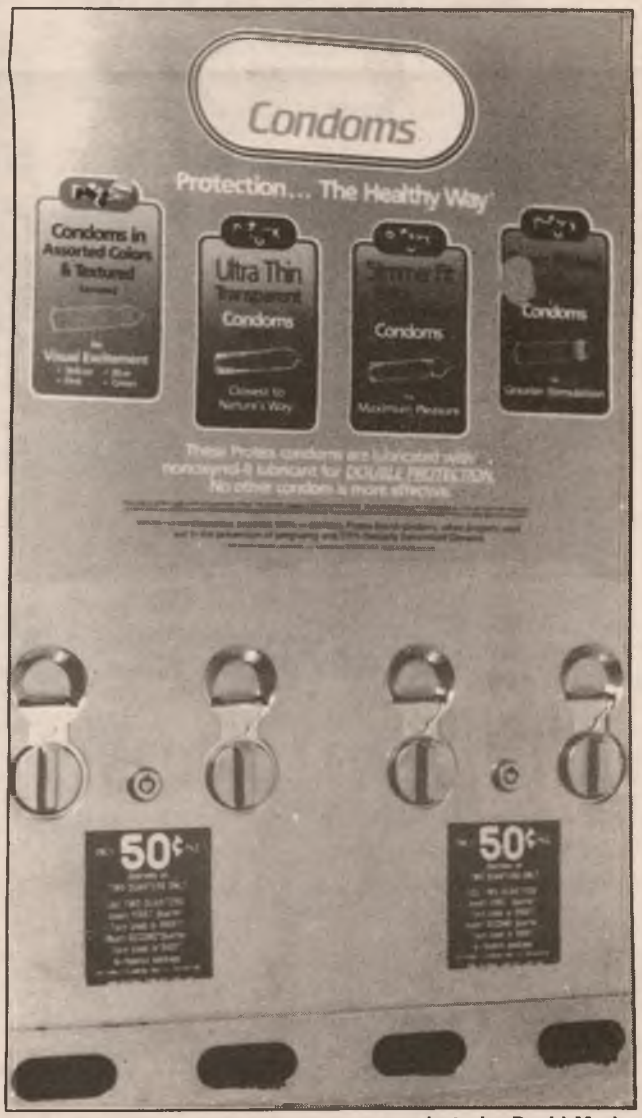


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The Army's safe sex regulation requires HIV-positive soldiers to use a condom if ordered by their commanders.

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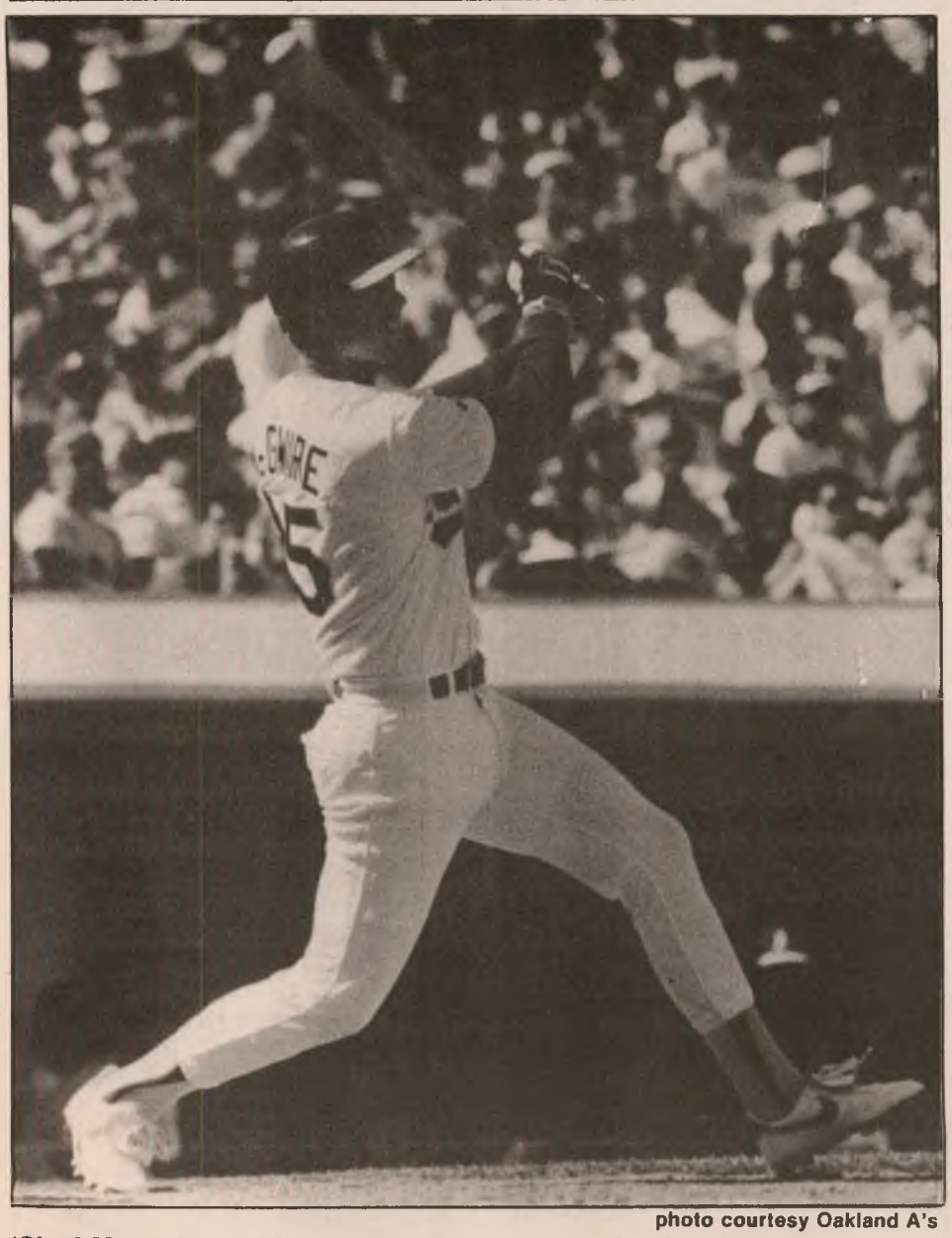


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'Slap' Morey is awaiting your comments on professional sports.

Sports Commentary

by 'Slap' Morey

What's new, sports fans??? Long time, no write. A lot has happened since I last offered my sporty views in the *Star Presidian*.

Mike Tyson and Robin Givens finally hung up the gloves while Tommy Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard called it a draw. The 'Niners took the football title with a flashy finish and the Baltimore Orioles, of all teams, look like solid pennant contenders. And, most recently, my "Good Little Bad Boys," the Detroit Pistons, shutdown and shutout the L.A. Lakers.

But what does this all mean? Was 1988 a "good" or "bad" year for sports? What does this year, or 1990, or the year 2000, look like? Are fans actually getting their money's worth when they head to the stadium? How do the activities on the ball field affect your life? Will Slap ever stop asking such stupid questions!?

Only I know the answer to the last question.

This is your chance, Presidio sports fans, to voice your opinions, comments and conclusions about events in the sports world.

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Please include your name and Presidio unit, directorate or affiliation.

Letters will be answered in upcoming *Star Presidian* issues by me, or maybe by Slap's good friend and fellow sports nut, Jimmy the Freak. I know your letters will be in good taste and, if we're hungry, taste good!

Of course, all opinions expressed by the "Freak" and yours truly are just that—**our** comments, not those of the *Star Presidian*, the Presidio of San Francisco or the U.S. Army.

So, come on, Presidio, let's put those pens and typewriters in action. This is your chance to call a ball a strike, to pass instead of punt or to just rap about the world of sports.

We look forward to your comments.

Sports Notes

Youth soccer

Presidio Youth Sports will begin registration for soccer. The season will run from Sept. 16 through Dec. 16. Registration begins now so that the sports branch can turn in partial rosters to the San Francisco Vikings Soccer League.

Boys and girls will compete in several divisions. Teams may be all boys, all girls, or coed.

Parents may register their children at the Post Gym, bldg. 63, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will need the following:

- A completed Presidio sports registration form;
- Completed U.S. Youth Soccer Association form;
- Proof of birth (birth certificate, passport, or alien registration card); and
- The $15 youth sports registration fee for each child, or $40 family rate for three or more children in one family.

Coaches and assistants are needed for the soccer season. If you are interested in being a Presidio youth volunteer coach, call Allen Posey at **561-5051** or **561-3673.**

Summer basketball

The summer basketball program will start in July. There will be a 3-on-3 half court league for players 30 years old or older and full court open play. Players from other activities or units may combine to form a team in both leagues. Active duty soldiers, full time DoD/NAF civilians and family members 19 years old or older are eligible to play.

The entry fees are: half court, $20 and full court, $50. The deadline will be at the coaches meeting tomorrow, June 23 at noon in Gym No. 1, bldg. 63. For information, call John Funes at **561-5032.**

Dance camp

This year, instead of offering summer dance classes, Youth Activities will offer an intensive one-week dance camp. There are three sessions: June 26 through 30, July 24 through 30 and Aug. 14 through 18.

For more information, call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250.**

July Fourth softball

Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. is the deadline for teams to enter the Sports Branch's annual Fourth of July Softball Tourney on July 1, 2 and 3.

The entry fee is $125 a team, which may consist of active duty soldiers, full-time DoD or nonappropriated fund civilians, and family members who are 19 years and older.

Coaches must bring their checks, made payable to the "Installation Morale Support Fund," to Gym No. 1, bldg. 63. There also will be a tournament meeting Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Gym No. 1.

For more information, call John Funes at **561-5032** or **561-4131.**

Outdoor recreation summer fun

On July 15, Outdoor Recreation will be hosting a salmon fishing trip aboard the Lucky Lady. The deadline for sign-up and payment is tomorrow, June 23.

Later that month, July 29, Outdoor Rec will take a group of Presidians to Russian River for a day of fun and canoeing. The trip includes wine tasting, canoeing, picnicking and a barbecue dinner. The cost is $30 a person. Children must be no younger than 6 years old to join the expedition.

Then on Aug. 19, there will be a day-long rafting trip on the lower American River. The $70 fee includes river equipment, lunch and transportation to and from the post. Again, children must be at least six years old to be included. For sign-up and payment, call the ITT office at **561-3992.**

On Sept 9, there will be a bottom fishing (potluck) trip. The $42 cost includes the boat fee and transportation to and from the Presidio.

For information about any of these events, call Outdoor Recreation at **561-4324.**

Sailing lessons

The Presidio Yacht Club offers sailing lessons. Lessons are held two consecutive weekend mornings.

The lessons are open to active duty soldiers and their family members, DA civilians and retirees. The cost is $35 and information is available by calling the Yacht Club at **332-2319.**

San Francico Marathon

The City of San Francisco Marathon is back, with a spectacular 7 a.m. start on the Golden Gate Bridge, folbwed by a scenic course through San Francisco. Share in the fun and excitement, and find out why thousands of people will run in this international race on July 9.

Volunteers must call early. The duties of the course monitor will be to direct runners and help the police maintain crowd and vehicle control. Other volunteer assignments, such as starting line, finish line, and equipment assistants, and course monitors throughout the 26-mile course are available.

Call the Presidio volunteer coordinator, CWO2 Raymond F. Brown at **752-5212** after 6 p.m.

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Community Calendar

Annual leave donation request

A Letterman Army Institute of Research employee, Richard Katona, has a life-threatening illness and is in need of donated annual leave. He will need as much as 500 hours. Katona has a wife and two young children; he has exhausted his accrued annual and sick leave.

Anyone wishing to donate annual leave should contact the Management Employee Relations office, Civilian Personnel Directorate, bldg. 37.

Fly the flag

The Community Life Program Mayors urge Presidians to display flags on July 4th. Thousands of visitors will be on post to celebrate the holiday.

Parenting class

Register for the next Child Observation Class before July 10 to enroll yourself and your child (ages 15 months old to kindergarten-age). Class begins Aug. 22 and includes activities for children and discussion for parents. Sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings in bldg. 563. Call **561-1921** to register for this free course.

Reunion

On July 5, the Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Sep) will have a reunion at the El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa, Calif. Highlights will include an ox roast; dinner and dance, equipment displays, a wine country tour, and a memorial ceremony honoring former members of the brigade.

For information, write to the Western State Chapter X, P.O. Box 613288, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 95761 or call **(916) 544-7563.**

Korean War veterans sought

A veteran is seeking other U.S. Army Korean War veterans who served with Headquarters/Headquarters Co., 5th Regimental Combat Team from August 1949 to August 1950 and the 595th M.P. Escort Guard on Koji Island, November 1950 to November 1952. A reunion is planned for July 22. Write to Charles Basham, 2454 47th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94116 for information.



photo by Steve Morey

Happy 214th birthday

Fighting the gusting wind, the Color Guard from the Provost Marshal Office retires the colors June 14 at Pershing Square. The Army 214th birthday ceremony included birthday cake (of course!), remarks by Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, selections played by the Sixth U.S. Army Band, and presence of nearly 500 Presidio soldiers.

Summer youth activities

YA is hosting a trip to Great America tomorrow, June 23 at 8 a.m. Tickets will cost $12.75 and the transportation is free.

Teens, looking for summer fun? Come to the Street Dance and Party at noon Saturday. The cost is $3 a person and each ID card holder can bring one guest. For a day of music and excitement, go to the Youth Center.

For information about all of these events, call Deloris Moore, YA program director at **561-5910.** Also, the Youth Activities Teen Council will be meeting every Friday at 6 p.m. in bldg. 1331.

ITT news

Did you know that ITT sells discount tickets to attractions like Great America; Raging Waters; Marine World Africa, USA; and sponsors local trips to places such as Tahoe and Napa Valley?

ITT also has brochures and other tourist information for the Bay Area? They sell maps, books about Space A opportunities, and Presidio of San Francisco greeting cards at a discount?

ITT is located (together with SATO) in bldg. 215 just opposite the Post Office.

SATO Travel

SATO Travel is on post to serve the needs of the active duty military traveler, federal workers, and military retirees and their families. SATO offers personlized air travel and tour packages and cruise vacations as well as Eurorail passes.

SATO travel returns three percent of all unofficial travel ticketed by SATO to the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund which helps to maintain programs like the Child Developement Center.

Visit the SATO office where their staff will be happy to help you. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or call **561-2314** or **561-2315.**

This week's special: Senior Citizen Fares. TWA offers senior citizens, 62 years old and older, their traveling companion a 10 percent reduction on fares to all international destinations except Paris and Cairo, Egypt.

Craft, folk art museum

Looking for something a little different to do? Fort Mason houses a craft and folk art museum, Tuesdays through Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $1 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday there is no admission charge.

Computer show and sale

On Sunday, stop by Fort Mason to attend a computer show, sale and swap. Everything is offered at bargain prices. The show is in bldg. A from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the cost is $3. Call **931-0423** for information.

Computer Learning Center

New evening hours begin July 3 at the Computer Based Learning Center located in the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 126. Presidians can *learn or improve* computer skills or study hundreds of courses delivered by computer from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Soldiers and adult family members, civilian employees and *reservists are invited* to use the Center and it's free. Call **561-4445** or **561-2874** to reserve space.

Presidio Army Ball

The Presidio Army Ball will be held July 29, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the NCO/Enlisted Club on post. All active duty soldiers, reservists, and Department of Defense civilians (and their spouses) are invited to attend. Attire will be formal for civilians, dress blues or dress greens with white shirt and bow tie for Army, and other service's appropriate military "after-six" attire.

For tickets or information call your unit's first sergeant or sergeant major.

This year the ball will be celebrating the 1989 Army theme—"The Year of the NCO."

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu., June 22: She's Out of Control (PG), 7 p.m. Tony Danza, Ami Dolenz. A widowed father desperately tries to cope with his teenage daughter's seemingly overnight transition from wallflower to knockout.

Fri, June 23: She's Out of Control (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, June 24: The Land Before Time (G), 7 p.m. Four animated young dinosaurs of different species search for the Great Valley where then can all live in peace.

Sun, June 25: K-9 (PG-13), 7 p.m. James Belushi, Mel Harris. Cop comedy about an unorthodox narcotics officers teamed up with a German shepherd which has better discipline than his human partner.

Mon, June 26: K-9 (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, June 27: Twins (PG), 7 p.m. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. Scientifically created identical twins were separated at birth and are in search of their long lost mother

Wed, June 28: Red Scorpion (R), 7 p.m. Dolph Lundgren, M. Emmet Walsh. A Russian officer leads the defeated rebels of a small African nation to victory against the Russian/Cuban "bad guys."

Thu, June 29: Criminal Law (R), 7 p.m. Gary Oldman, Kevin Bacon. A hotshot defense attorney uses all the tricks of his trade to help his client beat a murder charge, only to discover another similar murder.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, June 23:	**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG)**	**7 p.m.**
Sat, June 24:	**ET (PG)**	**1 p.m.**
Sat, June 24:	**Sweet Heart's Dance (R)**	**7 p.m.**

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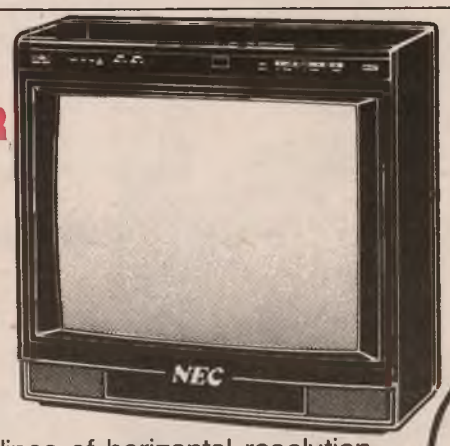
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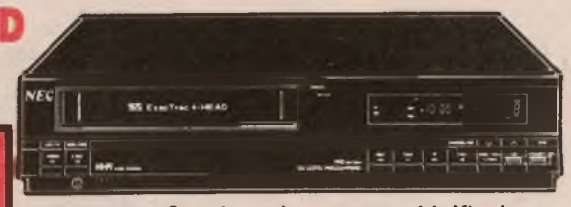
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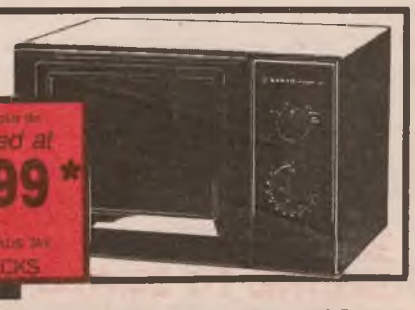


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Lt. Gen. Moore discusses state of the Army





"Our number one mission is deterring war."

photos by Steve Morey

Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr.

by Ron Freeman

Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., will pass command of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio to his deputy, Maj. Gen. Todd P. Graham, during ceremonies on the Presidio's parade field tomorrow, June 30.

During his last days of command, Gen. Moore talked with the *Star Presidian* concerning the readiness of his command, soldiers of yesterday and today, and a few of the challenges the Army will face in the 21st century.

Moore—with more than 35 years of service to the nation—will be remembered and respected as a soldier and leader.

Star Presidian: "The Army's Reserve Components today comprise more than 58 percent of the Army's deployable forces. Over the last decade, the Department of Defense has continued to move critical missions from the active Army to the Reserve Components. Can we strategically afford to do that? Are the Reserve Components combat ready in the Sixth U.S. Army?"

Moore: "The answer is generally yes! It is not an easy task. Not every unit is 100 percent ready to go, but we know which units are not and those are the units we are working on. The vast majority of our units are ready and should be able to accomplish their missions given the time to mobilize, do last minute training . . . ship their equipment and then go off to the theater of operations. When I came into the job, my first impression was that units were in better shape than I expected."

Star Presidian: "Some Americans have stereotyped the Reserve Components as "Weekend Warriors." Do we get a good return from the dollars we invest in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve?"

Moore: "Sure we do. That goes without question. If you look at the pie charts of the Army budget, 30 billion dollars goes for military personnel. The Active Component forces, which are roughly equal to the Guard and Reserve in numbers, will cost 24.4 billion dollars in pay and allowances this year compared to 5.6 billion dollars for our Reserve Components. The Guard and Reserve normally work 39 days a year, but these soldiers give much more personal time and energy to get the job done!"

Star Presidian: "We've had the Year of the Family, the Year of Training and now the Year of the NCO. What does this year's theme mean to you?"

Moore: "Well, I think it is something special. It's a smart idea that we picked the Year of the NCO as the theme. We need to focus on the great contribution our NCO Corps makes to the Army as a whole. It was also appropriate as, this past fall, the Chief of Staff of the Army signed the new doctrinal manual on training, FM 25-100, 'Training the Force.' One of the key ingredients of that manual is the responsibility of the NCO Corps for the training of individual soldiers. That comes across loud and clear! That's their job."



'...the senior leaders of the Army are committed to preserving those programs which are part of the business of taking care of soldiers and their families.'

Star Presidian: "You mentioned trust, which is a necessary ingredient for every NCO. What other qualities do you look for in a soldier and an NCO?"

Moore: "There are all kinds of words in the leadership book. The one most important in my mind is responsibility. Someone who has a complete sense of responsibility to accomplish the mission, followed by the responsibility to take care of soldiers and their families."

Star Presidian: "During your nearly 35 years of military service, has there been a particular NCO who made an everlasting impression on you or assisted in your career development?"

Moore: "I remember all the NCOs who helped me at each level of command. I remember a first sergeant I had when I was a new company commander with the 82nd Airborne Division in the 1950s... 1Sgt. Sheridan. He taught me how to be a company commander. He kept me out of trouble, gave me good advice. I remember my sergeant major . . . over in Vietnam . . . CSM Wheil. He coached me along when I was getting started as a young major commanding an infantry battalion. When you're in combat, it's helpful to have a senior noncommissioned officer teaching you the ropes and reminding you of things you might otherwise tend to overlook.

"CSM George Green, who had experience in Vietnam and Korea, taught me how to be a brigade commander as a brand new colonel . . . even which way the eagles were supposed to face on my green uniform! All along the way I remember those noncommissioned officers who helped me do the best job possible . . . that's an important role for an NCO."

Star Presidian: "How does the NCO of today stack up against 1Sgt. Sheridan?"

Moore: "1Ssgt. Sheridan was a highly proficient noncommissioned officer. I'd say noncommissioned officers of today are the equal of 1Sgt. Sheridan. Noncommissioned officers today have gone through more professional development courses than first sergeants of 30 years ago. They went to NCO school maybe once and that was about the end of it. Today, a career noncommissioned officer, who is going to be around for about 20 years or so, probably will go through about four professional development courses. I think that's a great program . . . to keep sending people back to the school house to make sure they are correct in doctrine, tactics, how the Army is supposed to run and how to take care of soldiers. That goes a long way to promote competence."

Star Presidian: "With the present and future constraints on the defense budget, how are those constraints going to affect the Army of the future as far as readiness and quality of life programs?"

Moore: "Certainly there will be some impact. But, I do know that the senior leaders of the Army are committed to preserving those programs which are part of the business of taking care of soldiers and their families. And, similarly, they want to maintain an adequate budget to preserve the readiness of the forces we have."

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Voices

4th of July message from the Secretary of Defense

Independence Day 1989 finds the United States at peace. It hasn't always been that way, of course.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was announced to a country already at war. It gave meaning and direction to the glorious struggle in which the 13 colonies were already embroiled.

Since that first Independence Day, the United States has had many "birthday" celebrations, many of them muted by war.

On July 4, 1863, a bitterly divided country waited for the results of the two Civil War campaigns at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

The Glorious Fourth in 1918 saw American doughboys in France preparing to storm the World War I trenches on the Western Front.

July 4, 1944, found those doughboys' sons also in France, getting ready for a breakout from the Normandy beachhead of World War II.

On July 4, 1950, Americans were entering battle on the Korean peninsula, and on several July 4ths, from the mid-60's through the early 70's, Americans were patrolling, fighting, and dying in Vietnam.

July 4, 1989, finds our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines standing guard around the world. Just as surely as those who have gone before you, you are protecting our interests, our values, and our precious heritage and independence.

As we watch the fireworks and enjoy this Independence Day with our families or friends, we would do well to remember all of the sacrifices that made our freedoms possible. The dedication that you display today is the same dedication that has sustained our nation in freedom for 213 years.

Richard B. Cheney
Secretary of Defense





Star Presidian file photo

Drinking and driving looks like this... don't be another statistic.

Safety first on the Fourth

The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is an important celebration for all Americans. Unfortunately, important holidays are often celebrated with overindulgence in alcohol. Holiday driving, water activities and fireworks mixed with the use of alcohol frequently lead to deadly accidents.

This 4th of July, I encourage Forces Command (FORSCOM) soldiers and civilians to approach their holiday activities with common sense and moderation. *Don't drink and drive, wear your seat belt and make proper precautions when swimming or handling fireworks.* Bring yourself, your family and friends back home and to work unharmed.

As the FORSCOM safety officer, I am convinced that involved leadership is the key to preventing off-duty accidens. This stewardship requires commanders to sek innovative ways to impress upon our soldiers the importance of their individual responsibility to protect themselves from off-duty accidents.

I expect commanders to convey this safety message to all FORSCOM soldiers, including units in training, reservists on annual training and those on leave or pass. Let us make this holiday a true celebration of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and not a day of mourning.

The entire FORSCOM family deserves an enjoyable and safe 4th of July.

Gen. Colin L. Powell
FORSCOM Commander

Ramblin' Sam

"What is the greatest challenge NCOs face today?"



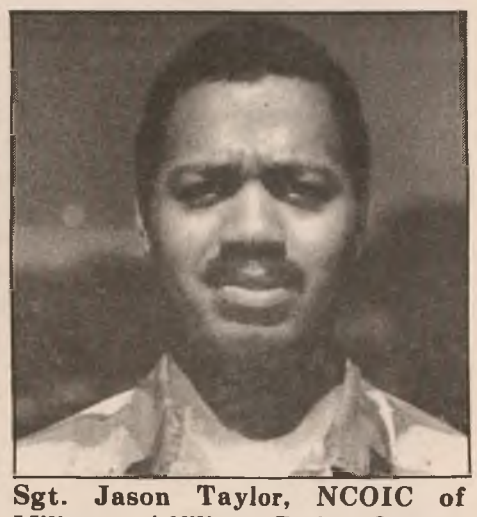
Spec. Lance Keating, assistant, technical services branch, 902nd Military Intelligence Group: "Getting themselves promoted, retained, and finding the time to go to school."



Christine N. Salgado, OER, NCOER-personnel actions, Headquarters Command Battalion Clerk: "To educate their subordinates and to improve themselves—not only for their own sake, but for the Army's sake."



SSgt. Tranquilino Romo, supply sergeant, 159th Army Band, Walnut Creek: "Keeping on top of world affairs and keeping his education up. Everything is so fast and furious; it's hard to keep up."



Sgt. Jason Taylor, NCOIC of Military Affiliate *Radio* System (MARS Station): "Trying to get the people to do something. You have all types of people who don't want to do what they're told. You have to get on them."

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Presidio

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'You can't keep a volunteer Army unless you have adequate pay scales.'

Star Presidian: "What do you believe has been the biggest improved benefit for soldiers during the span of your career?"

Moore: "Two things. First, the change in the pay scales which came about as we transitioned from a draft-based Army to what is now a recruited Army. You can't keep a volunteer Army unless you have adequate pay scales. So that would be number one in my view. And then, secondly, the focus on professional development through the Army school systems, which have always been there for officers, but now heavily emphasize noncommissioned officer development ... and, simultaneously, the emphasis on civilian education. Many of our soldiers and their families go to school at night at local community colleges or take on-post college courses."

Star Presidian: "No one has a crystal ball, but you've seen drastic changes in the Army over the last three decades. What do you envision in the 21st century for the Army?"

Moore: "The Army has to continue its investment in readiness, quality soldiers, and research and development so that we keep pace with changes. We can't prepare to fight tomorrow's war with yesterday's equipment. Equipment will continue to become more sophisticated. The speed with which forces maneuver on the battlefield will continue to increase. War is a nasty business. Anyone who has been in one would just as soon not go to another one. Of course, that's our job. Our number one mission is deterring war. We do that by demonstrating our readiness to fight and win if we have to."



photo by Joel P. Smith

Post blaze

San Francisco city firefighters haul water hoses through the charred remains of a brush fire on post near the Golden Gate Reserve Center. The June 22 fire swept through one-half acre of dry grass, said Timothy T. Phipps, acting captain of the Presidio Fire Department. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

News Briefs

Commissary closes

The Commissary will be closed on July 4, in observance of the Holiday.

Next week's Star Presidian *out on Friday*

Due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend, next week's *Star Presidian* will be available on post one day later, Friday, July 7, instead of July 6.

This one-week publication date change affects both main post (including subinstallations) and family housing deliveries. The *Star Presidian* will resume its normal publication date the following week on Thursday, July 13.

"Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend"—from the *Star Presidian,* and the entire Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office Staff.

New OER enrollees

The deadline to register Presidio children—new enrollees only—in the Optional Enrollment Request (OER) program is July 15.

OER forms should be hand-carried, along with proof of military address, to 170 Fell Street, room 10A (student assignments office) in San Francisco. OER is available to Presidians who want to send their child or children to a school different than their zoned school.

For more information, call Terry Echterling or Starine Cheek from Army Community Service at 561-5156.

CPD closes

The Civilian Personnel Directorate will be closed every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. Due to an increase in work and a reduction of staff, CPD Chief Janet J. Rosselle reports this is necessary to permit her staff to catch up and complete their work. Emergencies will be handled as needed and phone messages will be taken.

The Job Information Center however, still will be open all day—7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CPO Job Openings

Supervisory Staff Administrator: 407-89(MB), GS-301-11, closes June 23.

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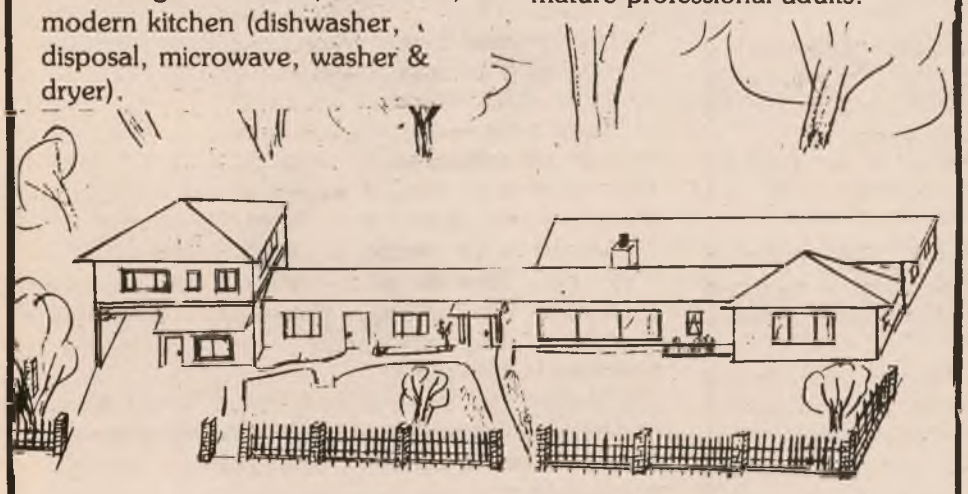
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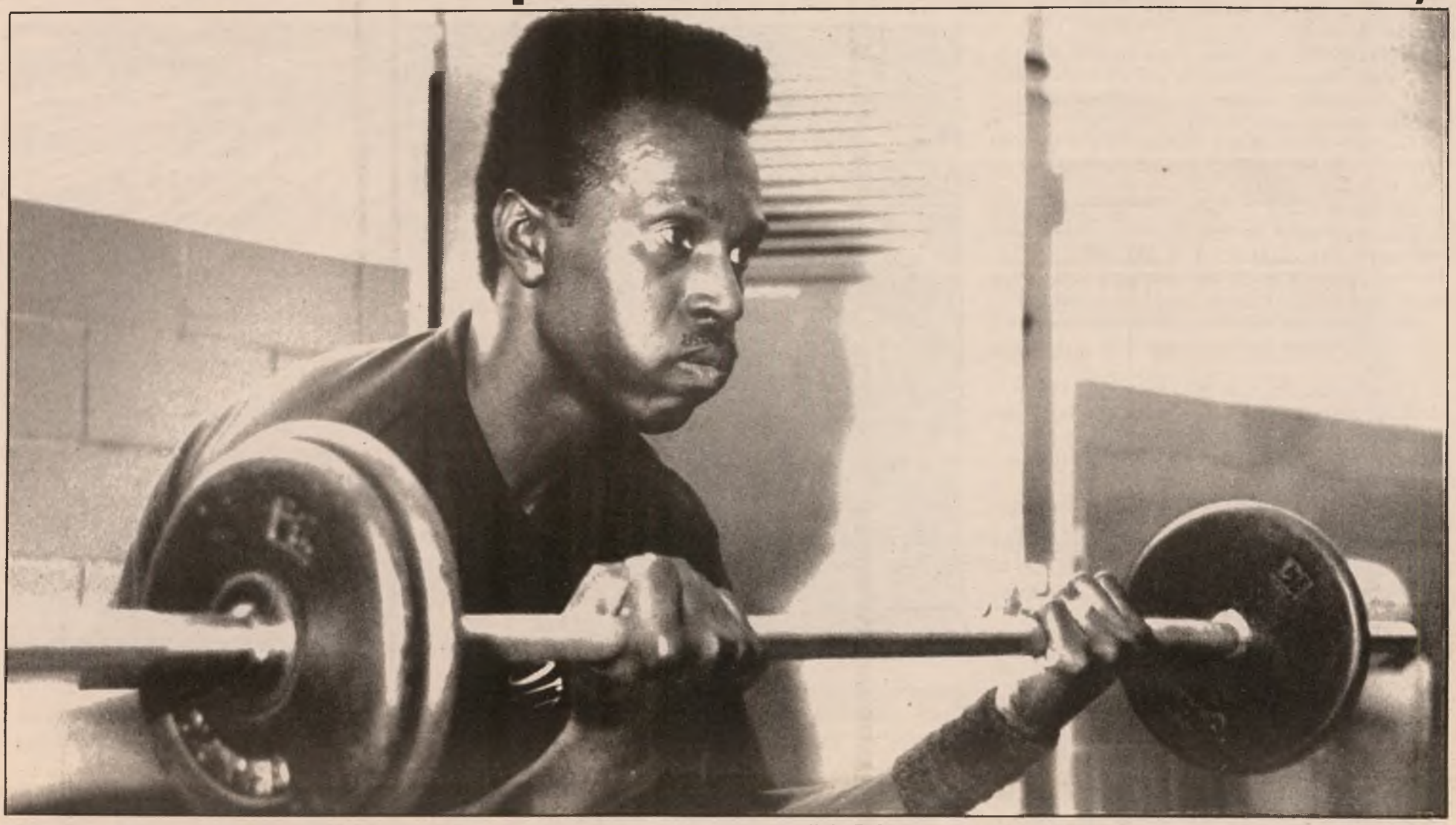


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NCO Profile

Post NCO lifts up self, overcomes Belle's Palsy



SSgt. Victor Bradley during a workout inside Gym No. 1 one month after having Belle's Palsy. photo by Steve Morey

by Joel P. Smith

When a noncommissioned officer on post contracted a nerve condition that paralyzed half his face, he refused to leave work long enough to see a doctor.

SSgt. Victor L. Bradley, a personnel services NCO with Sixth U.S. Army Readiness Group, contracted Belle's Palsy on April 26.

He lost the sensation on the right side of his face, and in his tongue, yet wouldn't stop preparing paperwork for soldiers in his section who needed help with personnel procedures.

"That reinforced my opinion that he's a very professional soldier," said Bradley's executive officer, Maj. Henry T. Howell.

"He's interested in doing nothing but the best for this unit; nothing but his dead-level best," Howell continued.

Bradley serves as a liaison between the personnel and finance offices, and the Readiness Group, (which provides training support for Reserve and National Guard units in Nevada and northern California). He also handles personal pay problems for the soldiers in the group, who are more likely to be on the road than on the post.

Bradley contracted the nerve disorder, said doctors at Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC), when he stopped an intensive workout at Gym No. 1 on post and ran outside.

The next day the 33-year-old's face was contorted and he was slurring his words.

He said he ignored the problem because "it's easy to get behind at work. I wanted to go in because I like to stay on top of things."

His co-workers, hearing him struggle to speak on the phone, couldn't overlook the problem, though. "People at work wanted to know if I had been to see the dentist," Bradley explained.

Finally, he visited the hospital and was told the condition could last from a month to two years, he said.

Dr. (Maj.) Stephen C. Vance, assistant chief of neurological services at LAMC, said the condition is fairly common and usually clears up within 6 weeks. The disorder involves an inflammation of the seventh cranial nerve, which then causes facial muscles to sag, he said.

Relieved that he hadn't had a stroke, Bradley brought the good news to his office and, naturally, refused to take any rest time.

"Anybody else would have had *hung out* at the hospital," believes Nancy M. Cupp, a budget clerk for the group.

She continued, "A lot of people would have become depressed, but he just drove on, coming in to work and hoping he'd get better."

After four days of watching him skirt the problem, and work in a frenzy, Readiness Group SGM Larry R. Johnson began pressuring him to stay home and rest.

Bradley's wife, Sandra L., said Johnson called his house the fourth morning and told her, "If he gets up and puts his clothes on, you call me and I'll come over. We'll both hold him down."

Bradley got up and put his pants on. Johnson came over and "convinced" him to stay home, said Bradley.

Infrequently, Bradley rested. The condition persisted until the end of April, when he regained control of his facial muscles, without medication or therapy.

Through the hardship his attitude, according to Sandra, was, "I'm gonna give all of me, even if I have to come home and can only collapse."

Howell said the drive that made Bradley forsake his own needs "comes from a sense of commitment to all members of his unit and a high sense of personal responsibility."

Bradley, said Howell, "is the mainstay of [Readiness Group]. Losing him would be like losing a right arm and half a brain."

SFC Raymond E. Redd, Readiness Group supply sergeant, said Bradley's commitment throughout his sickness shows Bradley's "flexibility." He added that Bradley "runs a one-man show."

Bradley said other model soldiers have given him a "sense of pride and a sense of standards." He explained by drawing reference to the sergeant first class whose job he took over when he arrived on post last year. "You could ask [the sergeant first class] a question and he wouldn't even open a book. He wouldn't consult any manuals; he just popped it off the top of his head."

NCOs bidding good-bye to the sergeant first class, Bradley said, would stop by his desk, fawn over him and say, "We're really going to miss you." Than they'd look over at Bradley, straight faced, and say, "We hope you can keep up what Earl started."

Bradley said he was scared, because he'd never worked as a personnel services NCO before. He stood in a long shadow.

So he took books home and worked weekends to hide his unfamiliarity with the job. "I didn't want anyone to think I wasn't as fast as people thought I should be. I was afraid," he said.

No one in his section doubts him now—if ever they did. Howell said, "He's respected by everyone. We'll always remember his professionalism and dedication. He's befriended everyone in this group."

Bradley, father of a daughter, Victoria L., 5, and a son, Corey L., 13, said the reward for his work is found in the friendship he's built with his fellow soldiers.

"When people give you thanks, and it's genuine, then that's a motivator all in itself," he explained.

July 4th Events

Annual light show sparks July 4th lineup

by Joel P. Smith

Tuesday, the National Park Service and the San Francisco Chronicle will lob about 1,200 "exploding shells" over ships sailing through the Golden Gate.

This free event is the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Crissy Field from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"A Salute to the Presidio and San Francisco's Cultural Heritage" is the theme of this year's celebration, which also will feature Chinese lion dancers, jazz musicians, and the Sixth U.S. Army Band. (See schedule below for other activities.)

As a finale, sky watchers will be rewarded with a 25-minute aerial bombardment beginning about 9:15 p.m.

Post Deputy Provost Marshal, Capt. Philip J. Hoffman said drunk drivers at the Crissy Field event raise the risk of having an accident on post and, if caught, will be charged with DUI (Driving Under the Influence).

Tragically, at last year's fireworks display, a drunk driver ran over a military policeman at a Crissy Field traffic stop, seriously disabling the soldier for life, Hoffman said.

Several "DUI identification teams" will work traffic stops on post during the celebration.

To prevent accidents, the MP teams have been trained to spot probable drunk drivers, and apprehend them at checkpoints.

During the event, all housing areas will be posted "residential housing only," and a guard will "reinforce" the message in the afternoon, Hoffman said.

Parking areas available for the Fourth of July celebrators include the lot next to Gym No. 1, Crissy Field (late afternoon only), the Main Parade Ground, the Main Post Chapel parking lot, the Baker Beach parking lot and the Palace of Fine Arts parking area. Hoffman said the areas total 3-4,000 parking spaces and he said he expects the lots to fill up by 5 p.m. If inbound traffic is still heavy *after* the lots fill, Hoffman added, the installation *will be closed. Then,* only vehicles bearing a Department of Defense sticker *will be allowed* onto post.



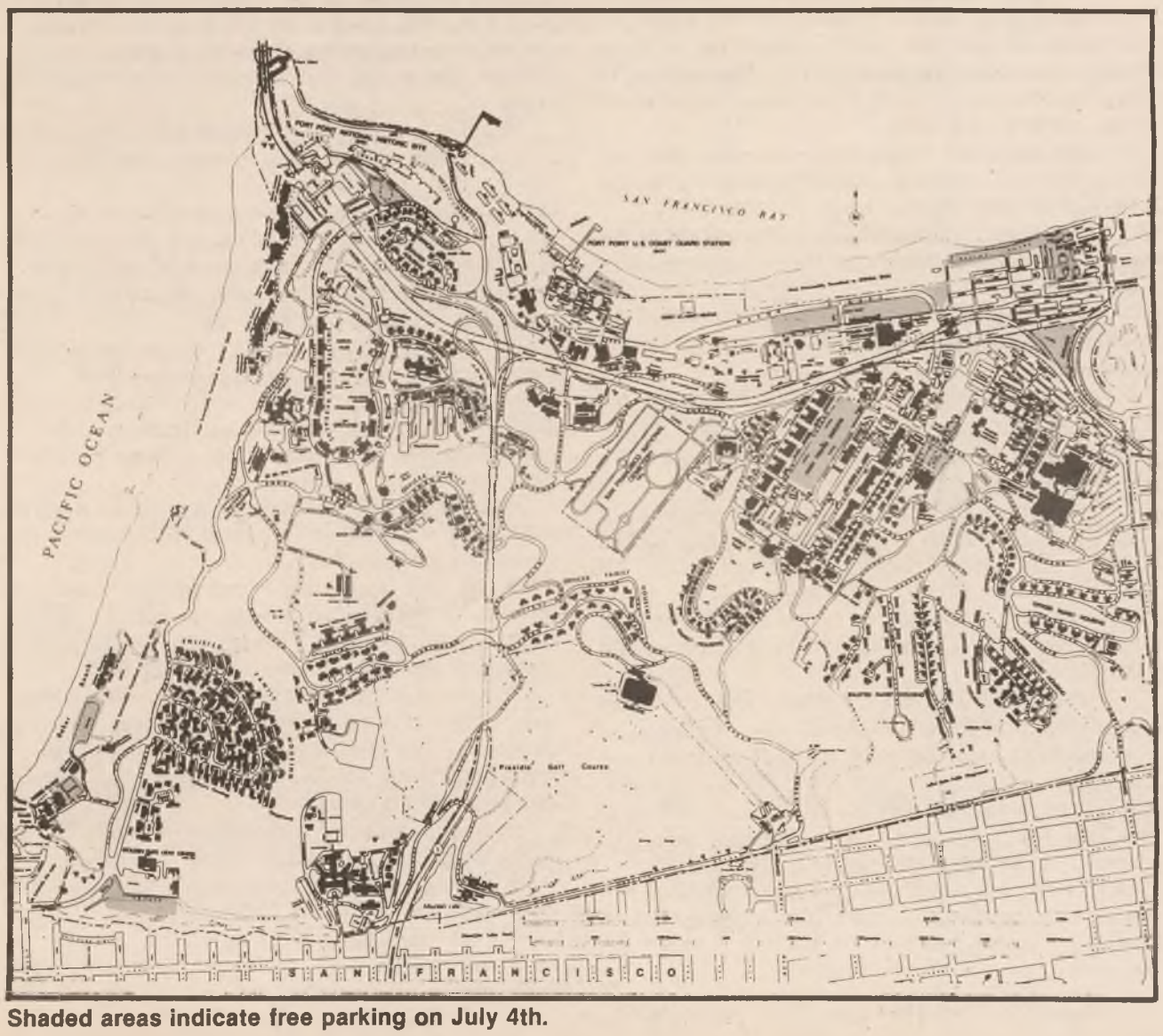
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Hoffman recommends that July Fourth celebrators get on post early if they want to spend the evening here; nearly all the gates will be jammed with traffic late in the day, he said.

Hoffman also suggested that visitors be escorted onto post by their hosts, since they risk being shut out if they're travelling in a vehicle without a DoD sticker.

When leaving, use one of the "back" exits, said Hoffman; suggested are Arguello, 25th and 15th Avenues. He said avoid gates located at Mason Street, Marina Drive, Gorgas Avenue, Lombard Street and Lincoln Boulevard.

"Please don't drink and drive," Hoffman added.



Shaded areas indicate free parking on July 4th.

Schedule of Events

Main Stage

3:30 to 4:15 p.m.: San Francisco All Stars (rhythm and blues);

4:30 to 5:10 p.m.: Theatre Flamenco (dance of Spanish California);

5:15 to 5:30 p.m.: Chinese Folk Dance Association (lion and folk dances);

5:30 to 6:05 p.m.: Kennelly Irish Dancers (step dancing and airs);

6:15 to 7:10 p.m.: Don Neely's Royal Society Six (swing into jazz);

7:15 to 8 p.m.: Cool Breeze (Carnaval!) **with special guests Josephine Morada and Chalo Eduardo;**

8:20 to 9:15 p.m.: Official Ceremonies: "Salute to the Nation" and patriotic airs by the Sixth U.S. Army Band.

Children's Stage

4:30 to 5 p.m.: Galliwhoppers (tall tales with American Sign Language);

5 to 5:30 p.m.: Ray Jason (juggler extraordinaire);

5:30 to 5:45 p.m.: Gary Lapow (lively tales for today's children);

5:45 to 6:15 p.m.: San Francisco Wu Shu Troupe (Chinese lion dance and demonstration);

6:15 to 6:45 p.m.: Galliwhoppers;
6:45 to 7:15 p.m.: Ray Jason;
7:15 to 7:30 p.m.: Gary Lapow.

Mission Completed

Fuertes Caminos *comes to road's end in July*

story and photos by Steve Morey

[Editor's note: In late May, Sgt. Steve Morey was in north central Honduras, Central America, to cover Sixth U.S. Army's participation in the "Fuertes Caminos 1989" exercise, which ends in July. This is the last of a series of features on "Fuertes Caminos 1989."]

"Fuertes Caminos 1989" reaches the end of its road when the remaining soldiers from U.S. Army Task Force 164 (TF-164) leave Honduras, Central America, for the United States in mid-July.

From all indications, *Fuertes Caminos* ("strong roads") achieved the three goals set by the exercise's commander nearly seven months ago:

1. To provide challenging, effective and personally rewarding training for more than 5,000 U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard and active duty soldiers;

2. To accomplish all operations and the assigned construction misison with quality and complete safety; and

3. To manage the exercise and conserve the investment, including funds, maintenance and training time, of the United States and Honduras.

"Most of this training is during war-like situations," explained Col. Michael J. Donahue, commander of TF-164 and the 164th Engineer Group from the North Dakota Army National Guard. "It's also some of the best training our soldiers will ever get."



The "farm-to-market" road, as seen from an Army helicopter.



His next "patient" corralled, Lt. Col. Gary Church prepares for another tetanus vaccination.

The 164th is one of dozens of Army Reserve and National Guard units from the 12 western states which took part in *Fuertes Caminos.*

Donahue offered his remarks the evening of May 22 at Camp Dacotah, TF-164's base camp, minutes after a 10-minute rainshower cooled the tropic heat.

"Everything here demands quality—all systems must be 'go' for this exercise to be successful," continued Donahue. "Each soldier has to do [his or her] job: the medical staff, the engineers, the fuel crew, the water purification people the cooks—everybody has to work together."

Indeed, teamwork was vital during the multifaceted exercise. Soldiers constructed a "farm-to-market" road and three schoolhoses; provided medical and dental care to Hondurans and their livestock; and distributed thousands of clothes, books, and medical and food items to local Honduran villages.

The U.S. soldiers each had their own 'war stories" to share with their friends and family back home. For example, one former Presidian, and two active duty soldiers from the 8th Evacuation Hospital at Ford Ord, Calif., helped with the successful emergency delivery of a Hondran woman's baby.

Spec. Nancy J. Heriot, an executive administrative assistant from the 104th Training Division, Vancouver, Wash., spent the last two summers as a reservist on post at Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army. She vividly recalled the caesarean section birth.

"It was a 'hand presentation' and a breech birth," said Heriot, also a licensed vocational nurse who worked weekends at the Camp Dacotah hospital.

"The baby was not on its stomach. Everybody in the deliveryroom thought the baby was dead or would have brain damage. We couldn't get a heartbeat."

Spec. Michelle Jones, an operating room technician from Fort Ord's 8th Evac, added, "But the baby boy is healthy and normal, and his mother is doing fine, too. It feels special to be a part of 'history'—the only baby born at Camp Dacotah."

The other Fort Ord soldier, Spec. Deborah L. Miles, is not only a practical nurse; but she, and Jones, also doubled as "engineers" during Camp Dacotah's initial groundbreaking.

"The soldiers showed us how to run a scraper and a forklift," Miles said. "When the guys took a break, we stepped in to relieve them. They definitely appreciated the help."

As for her Honduran experiences, Miles answered emphatically, "Fantastic. The best experience I've ever had in the medical field in my 10 years in the Army. I get to come down here to do what I was trained to do."

Said Jones, "Being here makes you grow up—it opens up your eyes and makes you appreciate the things you have in your life." She wiped a bead of sweat from her chin as the temperature in the tent pushed the 90-degree mark.

"You are at your best when you're at your worst," she added with a smile.

Another *Fuertes Caminos* mission was the medical and dental Readiness Training Exercise. Doctors and veterinarians either met Hondurans at the Camp Dacotah gate or made prearranged "house calls" to local villages. Both Hondurans and their livestock were treated.

The commander and head veterinary officer from the 993rd Medical Detachment in Aurora, Colo., arrived at the camp May 21; the next day, he was at a nearby village vaccinating livestock in the midday sun.

Lt. Col. Gary W. Church, who was assisted by Sgt. Marshall C. Squires, the 993rd's unit trainer and food inspector, worked as he talked.

"More than likely, this will provide a lifetime prevention of encephalitis [sleeping sickness], rabies and tetanus, all of which can be transmitted to humans," explained Church as he jabbed a needle into a horse's rump.

When the workday was over, Church and Squires, with the help of a dozen Honduran ranchers who corralled the livestock, had vaccinated 30 horses, 14 cows and two dogs.

"The animals' life spans are increased and they can now more readily combat diseases. However, this is just a drop in a bucket," cautioned Church. "If it's possible, the animals should be revaccinated on a yearly basis."

Squires said it was the first time he'd ever vaccinated animals. "I feel like I'm performing a very important function here.

"I'm learning all about my MOS [military occupational specialty] as well as providing Hondurans' [animals] with excellent medical care—something they probably wouldn't get elsewhere."

One 18-year Army veteran called *Fuertes Caminos* "an experience I'll never forget." SFC Raymond E. Redd is Sixth U.S. Army's senior advisor for the Supply Division, Readiness Group, and part of Sixth U.S. Army's evaluation team in Honduras.

"I've been on three tours in Korea, including a couple of "TEAM SPIRIT" [exercises. We were near the economy, we had hotels and stores nearby. Here, we're out in the boonies after starting from scratch to build Camp Dacotah."

Redd's co-worker, Heriot, concluded, "The donated clothes and MREs [meals ready to eat] last only a week or two. The road will be there a long time. It's changed their lives."

You Should Know

Summer's planning saves winter repair headaches



by Directorate of Engineering and Housing staff

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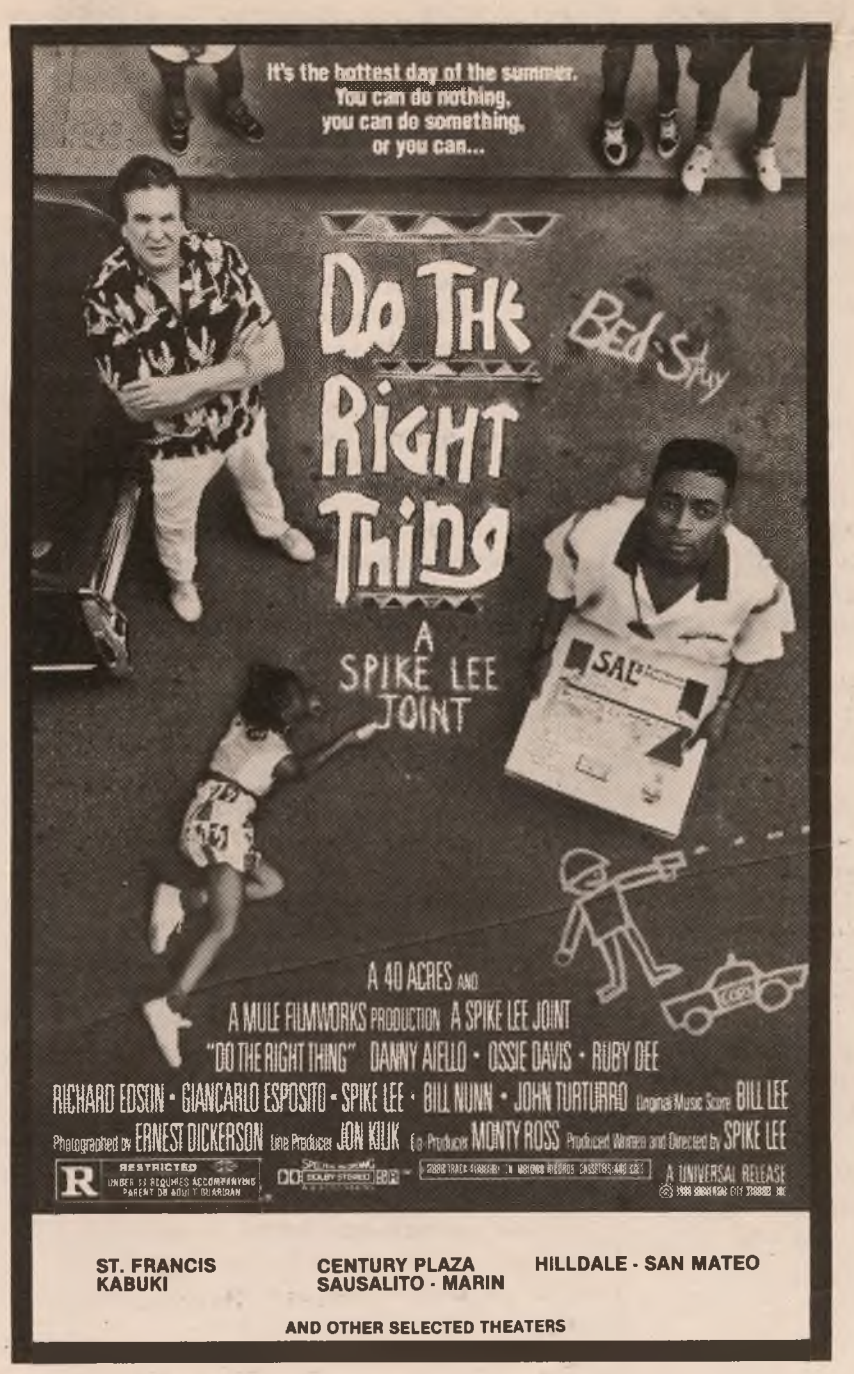
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Sports

Charlie's Team No.1 runs over No.2



Team 1's Christopher David scores as a Team 2 outfielder overthrows catcher Jeffrey Tourville. Mark Ingram, with his hands in the air, signals David to "stand up" across the plate.

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

David Murray pitched a one-hitter and scored twice to lead Charlie Team One to a 14-0 thrashing of Charlie Team Two in a June 22 intramural softball game at Fort Scott on post.

Team 1 now stands at 3-2 in the post intramural season. Team 2 drops to 1-3. Both are from Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion.

The only hit to mar Murray's seamless pitching was Alfredo Cordero's single down center field in the fifth and final inning.

"A shutout in slow-pitch softball is unheard of," marveled Team One left center fielder Larry Jones after the game.

Echoing his sentiments, Team Two first baseman Daniel Jackman joked, "It's also pathetic."

Team One had a wooden response to nearly every Team Two pitch. In a batter's blitzkrieg, the first five Team One hitters scored—the first three loading the bases on walks from Team Two pitcher Luis Estralla.

Estralla, whom teammates said injured his throwing arm in practice June 21, was pulled from the game and replaced with coach Scott Hanson.

Hanson, though, couldn't stop Team One's momentum. Murray, Jones, Tyrone Pearson, Mark Ingham, and Christopher David traveled over the plate and three other Team One players had hits before the inning closed.

Hanson said, "It hurts to see that happen to anybody, especially when it's my team."

Jones was the top run-scorer for Team One, crossing the plate in the first, third and fourth innings. Both Pearson, a third baseman, and Ingham, a shortstop, scored twice.

Team Two center fielder, Paul Malmquist, said his team played "way below par. We lost a lot of grounders and threw too late when people were rounding the bases."

The game was stopped after five innings, because of the "mercy rule," a lead of 10 runs or more, according to post intramural softball rules.

Hanson said the best players in Charlie Company were chosen for Team One when the season began. So many soldiers were left over still wanting to play, he said, that Team Two was formed.

Because the teams are from the same unit, Hanson said, the game was a "grudge match." However, he added that competition—not an angry rivalry—drives the teams.

"We're a close company," he explained. "We work well together, and we live well together, too."

"Besides," he concluded, "next time we're going to show them what we're made of."

Sports Notes

Youth soccer

Presidio Youth Sports will begin registration for soccer. The season will run from Sept. 16 through Dec. 16. Registration begins now so that the sports branch can turn in partial rosters to the San Francisco Vikings Soccer League.

Boys and girls will compete in several divisions. Teams may be all boys, all girls, or coed.

Parents may register their children at the Post Gym, bldg. 63, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will need the following:

- A completed Presidio sports registration form;
- Completed U.S. Youth Soccer Association form;
- Proof of birth (birth certificate, passport, or alien registration card); and
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Coaches and assistants are needed for the soccer season. If you are interested in being a Presidio youth volunteer coach, call Allen Posey at 561-5051 or 561-3673.

Outdoor recreation summer fun

On July 29, Outdoor Recreation will take a group of Presidians to the Russian River for a day of fun and canoeing. The trip includes wine tasting, canoeing, picnicking and a barbecue dinner. The cost is $30 a person. Children must be no younger than 6 years old to join the expedition.

Then on Aug. 19, there will be a day-long rafting trip on the lower American River. The $70 fee includes river equipment, lunch and transportation to and from the post. Again, children must be at least six years old to be included. For sign-up and payment, call the ITT office at 561-3992.

For information about any of these events, call Outdoor Recreation at 561-4324.

San Francico Marathon

The City of San Francisco Marathon is back July 9 with a spectacular 7 a.m. start on the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by a scenic course through San Francisco. Share in the fun and excitement, and find out why thousands of people will run in this international race

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Community Calendar

Fly the flag

The Community Life Program Mayors urge Presidians to display flags on July 4th. Thousands of visitors will be on post to celebrate the holiday.

Hazardous toy warnings

The Disney World Airplane, model 6113, is being voluntarily recalled by the manufacturer due to possible choking hazard.

Presidians are asked to return this item to the store from which they purchased for a full refund... or, send it to ARCO Toys, Inc., 800 Shames Drive, C.S. 1015,, Westbury, N.Y. 11590.

The In-n-Out School Bus, model 8403, is being voluntarily recalled by the manufacturer due to possible choking, aspiration or ingestion hazard.

Customers are asked to return this item to the retailer for a full refund... or send it to: ILLCO Toy Co., U.S.A., Inc, C/O Newport Distributing, 51 Hook Road, Bayonne, N.J. 07002.

ITT outings

Presidians are invited to a two-night trip to Yosemite National Park July 28-30 with Fort Ord's ITT Program. Commercial bus transportation and a cabin with private bath is only $95 a person, double occupancy.

A few spaces are still available on the ITT trip to Raging Waters on July 8. The cost is only $16.50 a person.

For information, call 561-3992.



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'Honey, I Shrunk the Kids'

Suburban inventor Waye Szalinski (Rick Moranis) and his wife Diane (Marcia Strassman), get a surprise in their breakfast cereal in the form of their quarter-inch tali son, who was accidentally miniaturized by his father's shrinking machine in Walt Disney Pictures' comedy adventure, "Honey I Shrunk the Kids," now showing in Bay Area Theaters.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed! There are immediate openings available at the Thrift Shop for cashiers. You will receive training for cashier duties, customer relations, and meeting and dealing with the public. The hours are negotiable.

The USO needs a volunteer to help the public in job searching and to issue tickets to Bay Area entertainment events.

Youth Activities needs responsible teens to volunteer as Youth Guidance Counselors. Volunteers will be working with children ages 6 to 12 years old.

If you are interested in any of the positions, call Roslyn Johnson at 561-4602.

Classes

Attention all PLDC candidates; The Army Education Center, offers a preparation class for the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC). The class meets July 11 through 20 from 2 to 4 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursdays. Plan now to take this class, and be ready for PLDC!

Raise your GT score. Do you need a higher score to reenlist, to qualify for an Army school, or to apply for warrant officer or Officers' Candidate School? Results of a recent FORSCOM survey show that, of 44 installations offering GT improvement programs, the Presidio ranks second in producing the highest GT score improvement in the shortest time.

Classes start July 10. Testing is required before you start, to determine your skill strengths and weaknesses.

Writing workshop. When you are faced with writing tasks at work, are you sure you are using correct English? Would a review of grammar help you to feel more confident about writing? Do you also need help organizing your ideas and sticking to your topic? The Education Center will conduct a workshop in Standard Written English in bldg. 1216, July 6 through August 29. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2 to 4 p.m. The class is free to all Presidians.

For information about any of these classes or to enroll, call or visit the Army Education Center, bldg. 1216, 561-2974 or 561-4445 or the LAMC Education Center, bldg. 1014, 561-3692 or 561-4791.

Mobile art studio for children

The Art Truck will stop at the Junipero Serra Playground—300 Stonecrest Drive— for two sessions: July 7 and 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Boys and girls ages 6 through 12 years old are invited to come aboard!

Sponsored by Randall Museum, as part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the arts and crafts studio on wheels gives children a chance to create something wonderful under expert supervision right in their own neighborhood.

The workshops are free, but registration is necessary. Cal Joe Medina, at 586-4824 for information and registration.

Family portraits at Craft Center

Here's your opportunity to capture special moments forever! The Arts and Crafts professional photographer will "shoot" you and your entire family, including your dog or cat! The $25 fee includes five 4x5 color prints processed by one of San Francisco's foremost color photography labs. Enlargements also are available at reasonable prices.

Appointments for sittings are available on the following dates: July 25 and 29, August 22 and 26. You must have an appointment; call the Arts Center, bldg. 122 at 561-ARTS.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop's first Saturday of the month opening and Flea Market will be rescheduled for July 8—the second Saturday. The Thrift Shop is in bldg. 204 and will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To rent a vendor space at the Flea Market, bring a table, valid military ID card and $5. There will be an extra charge for additional space. No reservations are needed.

Users' group

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Presidio Macintosh Users' Group will be held July 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in bldg. 667. There will be demonstrations of presentation graphics. Everyone is welcome. Call 561-4560 for information.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu., June 22: She's Out of Control (PG), 7 p.m. Tony Danza, Ami Dolenz. A widowed father desperately tries to cope with his teenage daughter's seemingly overnight transition from wallflower to knockout.

Fri, June 30: She's Out of Control (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, July 1: The Rescuers (G), 7 p.m. Animated. A bottle bearing an urgent message is discovered by a small band of Mouse Scouts.

Sun, July 2: Pet Sematary (R), 7 p.m. Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne. A family moves from the city to a small town and discovers their house is next to an ancient Indian burial ground that brings the dead back to life.

Mon, July 3: Pet Sematary (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, July 4: Pet Sematary (R), 7 p.m.

Wed, July 5: 976-EVIL (R), 7 p.m. Steven Geoffreys, Jim Metzler. After becoming obsessed with calling 976-EVIL to hear his "horror-scope," a mistreated teenager begins transforming into the devil and claws to shreds everyone who's ever given him trouble.

Thu, July 6: Say Anything (PG-13), 7 p.m. John Cusak, Ione Skye. A love story between a teenage Army family member who prides himself on being an oddball sets his sights on the most beautiful girl in high school.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, June 30:	**High Spirits (PG-13)**	**7 p.m.**
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Graham takes command of Sixth U.S. Army

by Steve Morey

Maj. Gen. Todd P. Graham assumed command of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio of San Francisco during June 30 ceremonies on the Main Parade Field.

Graham succeeds Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., who had commanded Sixth U.S. Army since May 1987. Graham will be the commander until the August arrival of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, who was the Commanding General of I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash.

The position of Sixth U.S. Army commander also includes responsibilities as installation commander—the result of an October 1988 consolidation of the Presidio and Sixth U.S. Army.

Graham has held a variety of command and staff positions since entering the Army in 1955, most recently as Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio's Deputy Commander.

His overseas duty assignments have taken him to Korea (twice), Vietnam, Germany, Iran and Hawaii. He served as the S-3 and company commander of the 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean War. During the Vietnam War, Graham was the commander of 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry.

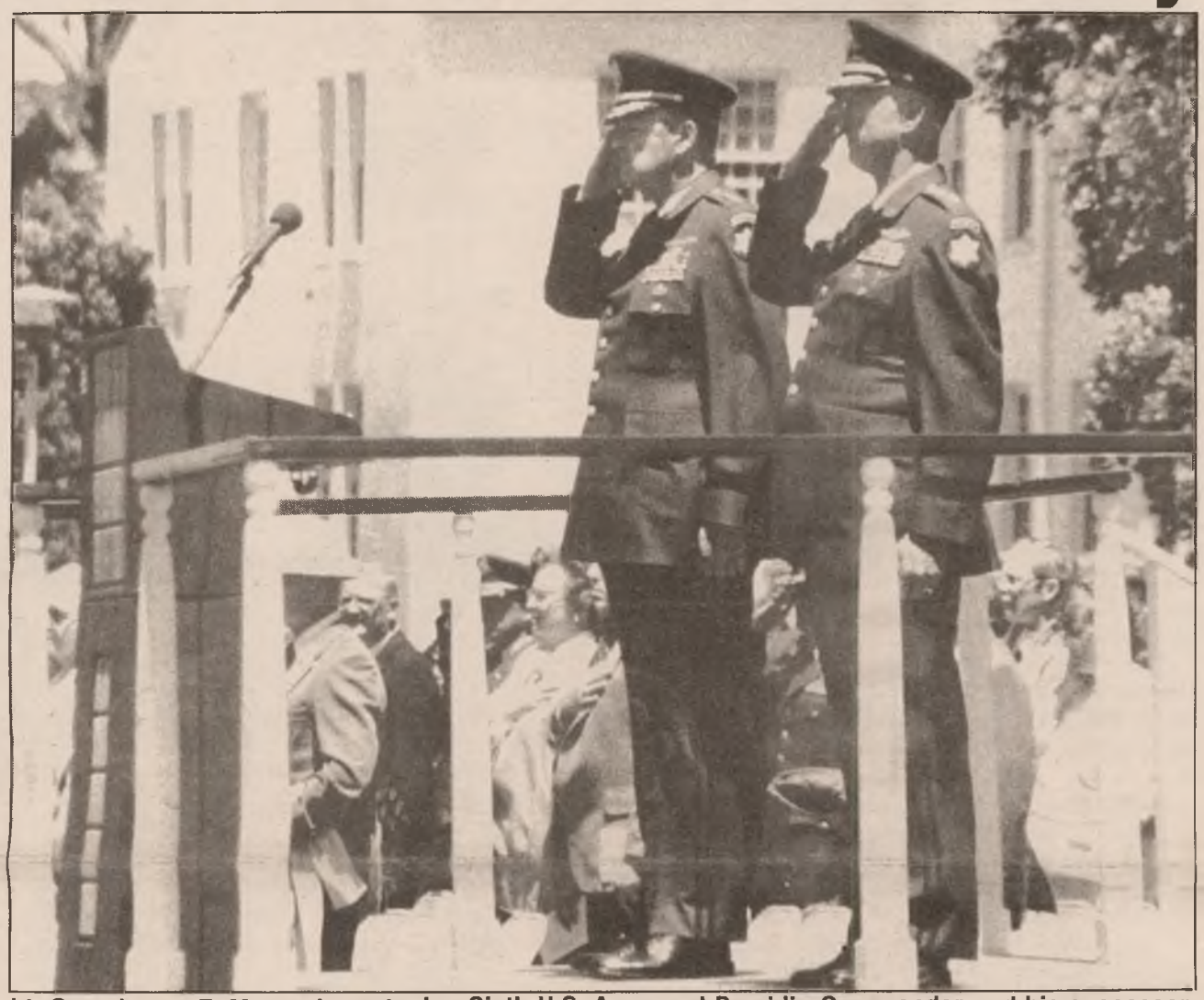
In Tehran, Iran, he served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel and as the director of the Military Mission/Military Advisory Group. His Hawaiian tour was as the Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, Western Command at Fort Shafter.

Before assuming his Presidio duties, Graham was the Chief, Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group in Korea.

Graham, who was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., on August 21, 1932, has had several stateside tours, including troop duty assignments at Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Riley, Kan. He also was an assistant professor at the U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He served as an assignments officer in the Colonels Division, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Washington, D.C.

At Fort Benning, Ga., Graham was the Brigade Commander at the U.S. Infantry School. He returned to the Military Personnel Center in Washington, D.C., this time as the Company Grade Combat Arms Division Chief.

His Fort Bragg, N.C., duty was as Chief of Staff of both the XVII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. Graham also was the Assistant Division Commander (Support), 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colo.



Lt. Gen. James E. Moore Jr., outgoing Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, and his successor, Maj. Gen. Todd P. Graham, salute the colors.

In 1955, Graham graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science *degree in Military History*. He also completed the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Airborne Course, the Ranger Course, the Marine Corps Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. Graham also has a Master of Arts degree in geography from Syracuse University.

Among the awards and decorations Graham has received include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star Medal with V Device and Oak Cluster.

Graham also has received the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medals with V Device, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Company Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist and Pathfinder Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

The new Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander is married to the former Sue Ihrig; they have three children, Tracy, Bruce and Ned.



FORSCOM Commander in Chief, Gen. Colin L. Powell, hands the Sixth U.S. Army flag to Maj. Gen. Graham.



The salute battery fires a 15-canon salute to honor Lt. Gen. Moore.

photos by Chuck Blancet

Voices

July 4th stirs thoughts of freedom fighters

by Steve Morey

As I gazed at the "bombs bursting in air" over the San Francisco Bay on the Fourth of July, I couldn't help but think about what makes this country so great. The U.S. flag swayed to a red-white-and-blue hymn of freedom—freedom to choose your religion, when and where you'd like your voice to be heard and where you'd like to live.

What many of us might overlook, however, are the men and women who fought, and sometimes died, for those freedoms.

To help us remember, there's Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, POW/MIA Day and, or course, Independence Day. However, on Wednesday, the day will mark a lesser-known anniversary of another honor.

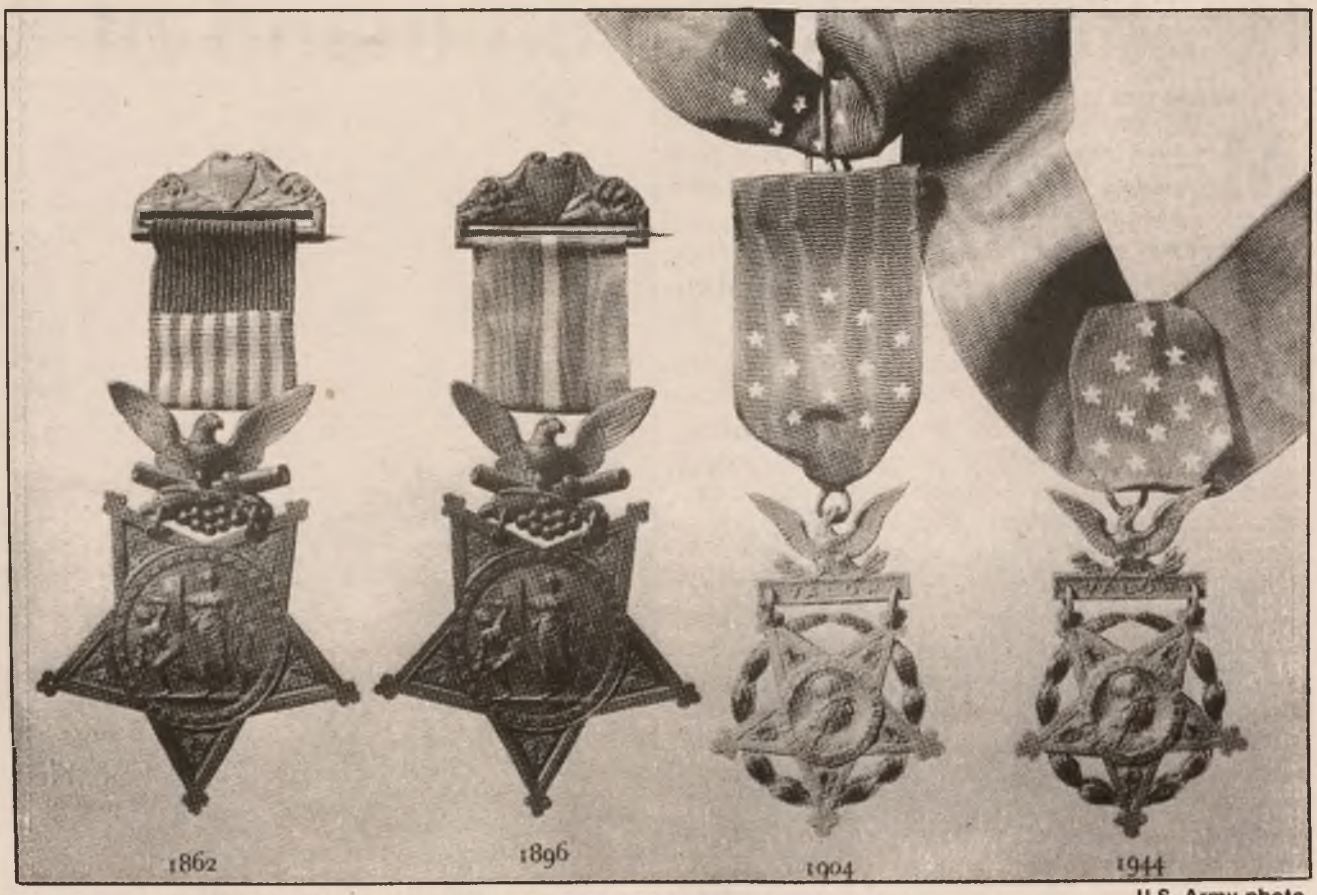
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Approved by President Abraham Lincoln 127 years ago, the Medal of Honor is awarded to soldiers for their supreme gallantry during battle. It is the highest military award for bravery that can be given to any individual in the United States. (The medal was first established for the Navy in December 1861).

The freedoms we share as United States citizens were made possible by people like Army 1st Lt. Edgar H. Lloyd. According to *The Medal of Honor of the U.S. Army,* Lloyd, during World War II,

> "ran to an enemy machine-gun nest, knocked out the gunner with his fist, dropped a grenade and jumped out before it exploded. He then went from one nest to another, destroying them with hand grenades."

I'm sure Lloyd performed his heroic deeds without thinking, "Geez, I hope I get a medal for this." He defended his country, and nearly died, so we can enjoy today's freedoms.



The four changes in style of the Army Medal of Honor.

U.S. Army photo

Independence Day's pageantry has come and gone. Crissy Field was abuzz with the sights, sounds and smells of good ol' fashioned fun in the sun.

But let's not forget the people—the soldiers, *sailor*s and airmen—who protected those pleasures we enjoy today. The Medal of Honor has decorated the chests of our war heroes.

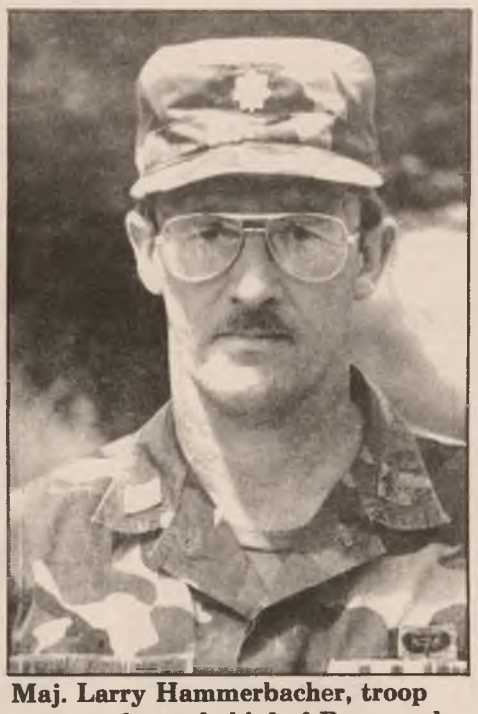
Let's remember those men and women July 12. A sinple "Thanks," might just do it.

Ramblin' Sam

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Theresa Mathews, military family member: "Burger King. They're always courteous, even when they're rushed."



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Karin Ayers, military family member: "I've gotten very good service at the eye clinic. They talk to you—and they talk to my son when he needs help—and they explain exactly what's going on."



SFC Harold Hom, post resident, NCOIC of Removal Department, United States Army Area Dental Lab, Alameda Naval Air Station: "The Four Seasons Store. I asked about some items once and they took down my name and told me exactly when they'd be in."

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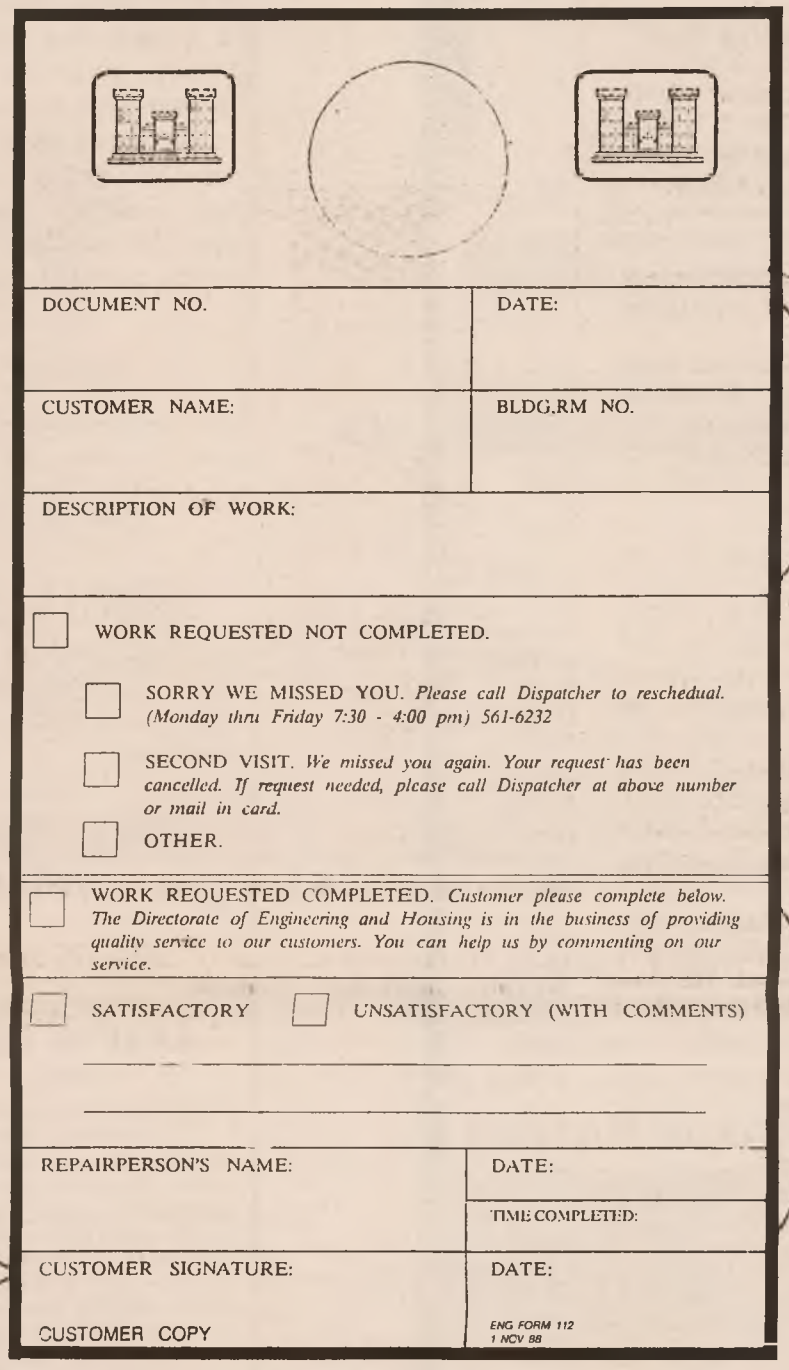
by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing staff

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing is always trying to improve its methods of providing quality maintenance and repair services to post residents, units and tenant organizations of the Presidio. DEH has begun using a new three-part customer feedback form, ENG Form 112, to give customers a way to comment on the quality of service they receive from the DEH worker.

This is the way the system works: DEH workers will have a customer feedback form when they arrive to perform the requested maintenance or repair task. They will complete the form through the portion entitled "work request completed." The workers then will separate the DEH/Worker's copy from the yellow customer's copy and ask you to fill it out and indicate the quality of service you received. Once completed, you mail the form to the address preprinted on the reverse side. Note that postage is free if mailed on the Presidio.

For information, call Juanita Whitehead, customer relations specialist, at 561-3711.

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The new DEH customer service feedback form

This portion to be completed by DEH workers

This portion is filled out by the customer

Job Opportunties

CPO Jobs

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Supervisory Staff Administration: 423-89(MB), GS-301-10, open until filled.

Contract Specialist: 442-89(DW), GS-1102-9/11, closes July 7.

Medical Technician: 443-89(DW), GS-644-11, closes July 7.

Utility Services Technician: 444-89(EW), GS-1108-8, closes July 10.

Dental Laboratory Technician: 445-89(MG), GS-683-6, cloese July 12.

Program Analyst: 446-89(MG), GS-345-11, closes July 12.

Supervisory Computer Systems Programmer: 447-89(MG), GS-334-12, closes July 17.

Supervisory Staff Accountant: 448-89(EW), GS-510-11, closes July 13.

Support Services Supervisor: 449-89(EW), GS-342-8, closes July 13.

Warehouse Worker: 450-89(MG), WF-6907-5, closes July 13.

Radio Operator: 451-89(JN), GS-389-5, closes July 13.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in bldg. 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will only be accepted from career or career conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs as VRA or 30 percent disabled veterans).

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Waitress: (2 positions), NA-7420-02, $6.10 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

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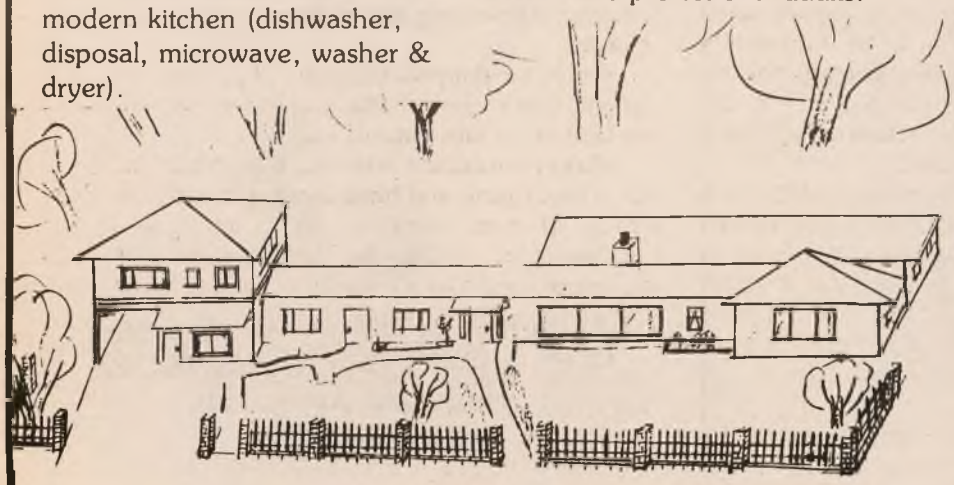
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Thrift Savings Plan 'hottest thing going'

by Joel P. Smith

U.S. government employees invest $7 million daily in the federal Thrift Savings Plan, according to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

The post administrator of the program, Francisco Da Costa, believes it's the most popular savings plan offered by the government.

"It's the hottest thing going today," said Da Costa, a personnel clerk with the Civilian Personnel Directorate. "A lot of people are taking advantage of it because they understand the benefits of planning for retirement."

Da Costa is now recruiting "thrifty" Presidians because the FRTIB plan is available only two times a year: now through July 31, and Nov. 15 through Jan. 31.

During these 'open seasons," workers in the Federal Employees' Retirement System and the Civilian Service Retirement System may join the plan.

Da Costa said benefits of membership include:

- Before-tax savings and tax-deferred investment earnings;
- A loan program based on your own contributions;
- Choice of withdrawal plans; and
- Portability of savings.

The advantage of before-tax savings, according to the FRTIB, is that the savings are deducted from your gross income. Only the remaining salary is taxed.

With less money to tax, the tax naturally becomes lower.

Tax-deferred earnings allow you to delay paying taxes on your contributions and on your accrued earnings in the plan. You don't pay taxes until you claim the money.

Contributors may borrow money from their own account to cover four types of financial needs, including: educational expenses, medical expenses, financial hardships and the purchase of a primary residence.

The minimum loan is $1,000. The maximum loan is a percentage of your contribution (and is limited by federal law).

In requesting a loan (Form TSP-20), you have to submit paperwork to the Civilian Personnel Directorate which demonstrates your need.

When you are eligible to receive retirement benefits, you have two major options in withdrawing your money from the plan. You can transfer it to an IRA or another eligible retirement plan, or receive it as a lump sum. *However, you may not withdraw it while you are an employee of the federal government.*

If you leave government service before you are eligible for "basic retirement benefits," according to the FRTIB, you have to transfer the account to another eligible retirement plan, or receive a direct payment if the amount is $250 or less.

"Portability" means that certain portions of your account may be transferred among three investment plans. These plans either offer median-yield secure returns or high-yield unsecured returns.

Another benefit of the program is that FERS employees receive matching government funds for some of their contributions. The match is dollar for dollar on the first three percent of basic pay the employee contributes each pay period, and 50 cents on the dollar for the next two percent.

CSRS workers do not get matching funds.

FERS employees may invest up to 10 percent of their basic pay each period. Five percent is the maximum for CSRS workers.

No lump sums, only payroll deductions, are accepted as contributions to the plan.

One post employee who has been in the Thrift Savings Plan for about two years, Dwight E. Carnes, said he's interested in the security it offers.

"I didn't want to rely on just Social Security and the FERS annuity," explained Carnes, an employee development specialist at the CPD.

Carnes said, "If you want to have a comfortable retirement annuity, then the Thrift Savings Plan is essential.

Da Costa said that despite the program's popularity, probably 60 percent of federal employees he approaches have never heard of the savings plan.

He recommended government workers become familiar with what the program has to offer. For more information about the Thrift Savings Plan, call Da Costa at 561-5724. He said he would visit offices if necessary, and discuss the plan with interested groups.

If used wisely, snacks fill the nutrition gap

by Evelyn D. Harris

Americans are snacking more than ever. According to the Department of Agriculture, children now get one-fifth of their daily calories from snacks, women 16 percent.

And according to nutritionists, that's not necessarily bad. Snacks can be a fun way to fill in necessary calories and nutrients missed due to incomplete or skipped meals. The trick is to plan snacks wisely.

That means that contrary to the testimony from the attractive people in the advertisements, a candy bar—even if it does have peanuts—is probably not the best food to help you do what needs to be done.

In fact, said Col. Mary Lucas, chief of the Army Medical Specialist Corps (which includes dietitians), eating a sweet snack can set you up for the "post-candy-bar fatigue syndrome." "When you eat a candy bar, your insulin level goes up sharply—and then falls back down quickly, leaving you feeling tired," said Lucas. "In addition, most candy bars have a lot of fat and sugar, and some of them have a lot of salt."

Granola bars, while they sound healthy, are not much better. According to Gail Levey, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, "Granola bars are just packed with grease. A granola bar sounds so wholesome, but to get it to stick together you have to use so much fat."

On the average, about 35 percent of the calories in many granola bars come from fat; the comparable figure for a candy bar is approximately 46 percent. The DoD Nutrition Working Group recommends that no more than 30 percent of the day's calories come from fat.

So, what's a snacker to do? Lucas suggests fruit— it's somewhat sweet and is a good source of important vitamins and fiber. She suggests carrot sticks if you're craving something crisp. But there are a lot of healthy snack choices, and dietitians say that if you customize your snacks to meet your dietary needs, you won't go wrong.



Fruits and vegetables make tasty, low-calorie snacks.

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For example, if your meals are low in calcium, you might try low-fat yogurt or a cheese made primarily from skim milk, such as mozzarella (which is available in snack sticks), cottage cheese, part-skim ricotta cheese or diet cheese. Eat the cheese with whole-grain bread, crackers or celery for a high-fiber, low-calorie snack.

To please a sweet tooth, choose ice milk, which has less than half the fat of ice cream and 40 percent fewer calories. Frozen yogurt is also lower in fat than ice cream, although it has just as much sugar. Surprisingly, tofutti—a soy-based frozen dessert—has almost twice the fat of ordinary ice cream, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

You can also make an ice cream-like treat by freezing a peeled banana until firm.

Nuts have high levels of fat and should be eaten in small quantities. Cashews and macadamia nuts are highest in fat, while seeds—of the sunflower, pumpkin and sesame varieties—are lower in fat. The American Heart Association recommends keeping the serving size of nuts down to three teaspoons.

Fresh, air-popped, unbuttered popcorn is an excellent snack choice. But packaged popcorn may contain large amounts of salt.

Many Presidians who eat healthfully at home eat a lot of junk and have too much caffeine at the office. If you work in an office that has a refrigerator, bring in healthy snacks and beverages, such as six-packs of fruit juice or a bottle of club soda, to store in it.

If you would like more information on nutritious snacks, visit Jan McBride, the "walk-in nutritionist," on the second floor lobby at Letterman Army Medical Center. This is a new service and the schedule has not yet been set. A LAMC spokeswoman suggests you try to visit McBride Mondays through Thursdays.

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Soldier's Medal

Army honors HAAF heroes

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Two Bay Area reservists who will receive the Soldier's Medal for heroism tomorrow (see related story) say courage has little to do with lifesaving.

"You tend to get tunnel vision when someone's life is in danger," said Sgt. Lon E. Adams, who climbed inside a burning helicopter June 22, 1987, to rescue an injured soldier inside.

Adams, assigned to the 343rd Medical Detachment at Hamilton Army Air Field, Novato, Calif., works full-time as an Emergency Medical Technician in San Francisco. He explained, "Your adrenaline gets running . . . and then you're too busy to worry about anything else."

The aircraft's exploding was a constant threat. Twenty-eight-year-old Adams, said he wasn't concerned.

"I wasn't particularly worried about the fire. Mostly, I just worried about being able to get any survivors out," Adams explained.

Pilot WO1 Clarence C. McIntire, also with the 343rd, will receive the Soldier's Medal for the same action. He too denies being a hero.

"I like to help people out," said McIntire, "but I'm no more special than anyone else; I'm ordinary."

McIntire, an aeronautical engineering student at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, explained, "I did something you're supposed to do. If someone's in trouble, help them out.

"No two ways about it," the 25-year-old pilot said emphatically.

The commander of their detachment, Maj. Donald A. Davison, disagrees with both. "I thought they were pretty courageous.

"The impact at the unit [after they heard of the incident] was one of amazement. Then the other crew members did some soul-searching about what they would do in a crash," Davison said.

McIntire and Adams acted wholly within character, added Davison. "You hope that everybody would do the same thing. That is, with most people you hope.

"With them [McIntire and Adams], you know."

Davison called Adams, "one of the unit's top medics, a dedicated, good soldier."

That Adams would deny a self-portrait that included any reference to bravery, is also part of Adam's character, said Davison.

"He's very unassuming. He doesn't bring attention to himself. He's not one of these STRAC, Special Forces kind of guys," Davison explained. "He just wants to do a good job."



WO1 Clarence McIntire: "I did something you're supposed to do."



Sgt. Lon Adams checks his equipment before starting his workday.

Adams said he's devoted to his unit, which he considers "family." When Adams was on Annual Training last year his father died.

The unit supported him so much—several members were at his side at the funeral—he began seeing them as his brothers and sisters, he said.

Adams said he believes his job as an EMT allows him to hone his medic skills and better serve the 343rd. Now working to become certified as a paramedic in San Francisco, Adams said he's been interested in medicine since sometime around his junior year in high school.

"I enjoy being part of a team that's doing something important," he said.

Delivering babies—often involving those born prematurely—makes him feel he is helping a frail person survive in the world.

"I wanted to be a medic because I want to be part of that," he explained.

McIntire, Davison said, "Is the kind of person you'd like to have three or four of." Davison noted McIntire's devotion to the Novato unit; though he goes to school about 400 miles south of his reserve unit's training area, McIntire has never requested a transfer.

McIntire, a junior at USC, pays pocket money for a commercial flight, or drives to his once-a-month drill, Davison said. *And this is McIntire's eighth year with the unit*

John D. McIntire, Clarence's father, said Clarence has always "done everything that would be the right thing."

Starting when Clarence was about 6 or 7, his father would take him to the San Carlos Airport to watch planes land and take off.

No longer a spectator, the younger McIntire wants to become a test pilot for NASA. "If I had my way," said the pilot, "I'd be in the air almost every waking minute."

McIntire recommends that other soldiers, faced with a disaster, think carefully about their actions before they also find themselves on the casualty list.

"React as quickly as you can," he said, "but do things safely. Don't put yourself in a position you can't recover from."

Reservists risk lives trying to save fellow soldiers

by Joel P. Smith

Two Bay Area reservists who climbed into a burning helicopter to rescue a soldier trapped within, will get the Soldier's Medal for heroism tomorrow at Hamilton Army Air Field in Novato, Calif.

WO1 Clarence C. McIntire, a helicopter pilot, and Sgt. Lon E. Adams, a flight medic, will receive the Army's highest award for peacetime heroism at 1:30 p.m. at bldg. 86, the 4th Aviation Support Facility.

Both men are with the 343rd Medical Detachment at HAAF.

The soldiers were on Annual Training at Fort Hood, Texas, June 22, 1987, when Crew Chief Sgt. Noel Vargas saw a helicopter crash into a wooded area of the fort. (Vargas received *his Soldiers Medal earlier this year.)*

Pilot Greggory Fullam and co-pilot McIntire followed a thin wisp of smoke to the crash site, setting down 75 yards from the downed craft.

Vargas, McIntire, and Adams saw a tongue of flame working the edge of a fuel cell.

All three raced toward the craft, Vargas carrying a fire extinguisher, Adams his medical kit. Fullham stayed with his own helicopter, and radioed information to emergency crews.

While Vargas fought the rapidly growing fire, Adams and McIntire checked for signs of life among the 10 soldiers within the twisted helicopter.

Part of the Oklahoma National Guard, the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter had been carrying soldiers on a flight orientation over Fort Hood.

Finding only one man with a pulse among the victims, Adams and McIntire struggled to work him free of the wreckage. Vargas' fire extinguisher emptied. The flames expanded.

Vargas climbed back through the frame to help his crew members. The three broke the man loose, fled the burning helicopter and carried the victim clear of the wreckage.

McIntire and Adams again ran inside the helicopter to make certain there were no living crewmen. Vargas ran for a stretcher.

Finding no signs of life within the helicopter, McIntire called off the search and his bird sped away toward Darnell Army Hospital on the fort.

The soldier died about 45 minutes after arriving at the hospital.

When the rescue flight returned to its unit, the crew members found other soldiers from the 343rd standing silently on the pad.

McIntire said they were waiting to see if his helicopter would return; the soldiers had only heard there was a crash, not who was involved.

They were relieved to find their friends were not victims, but, in the eyes of the Army, heroes.

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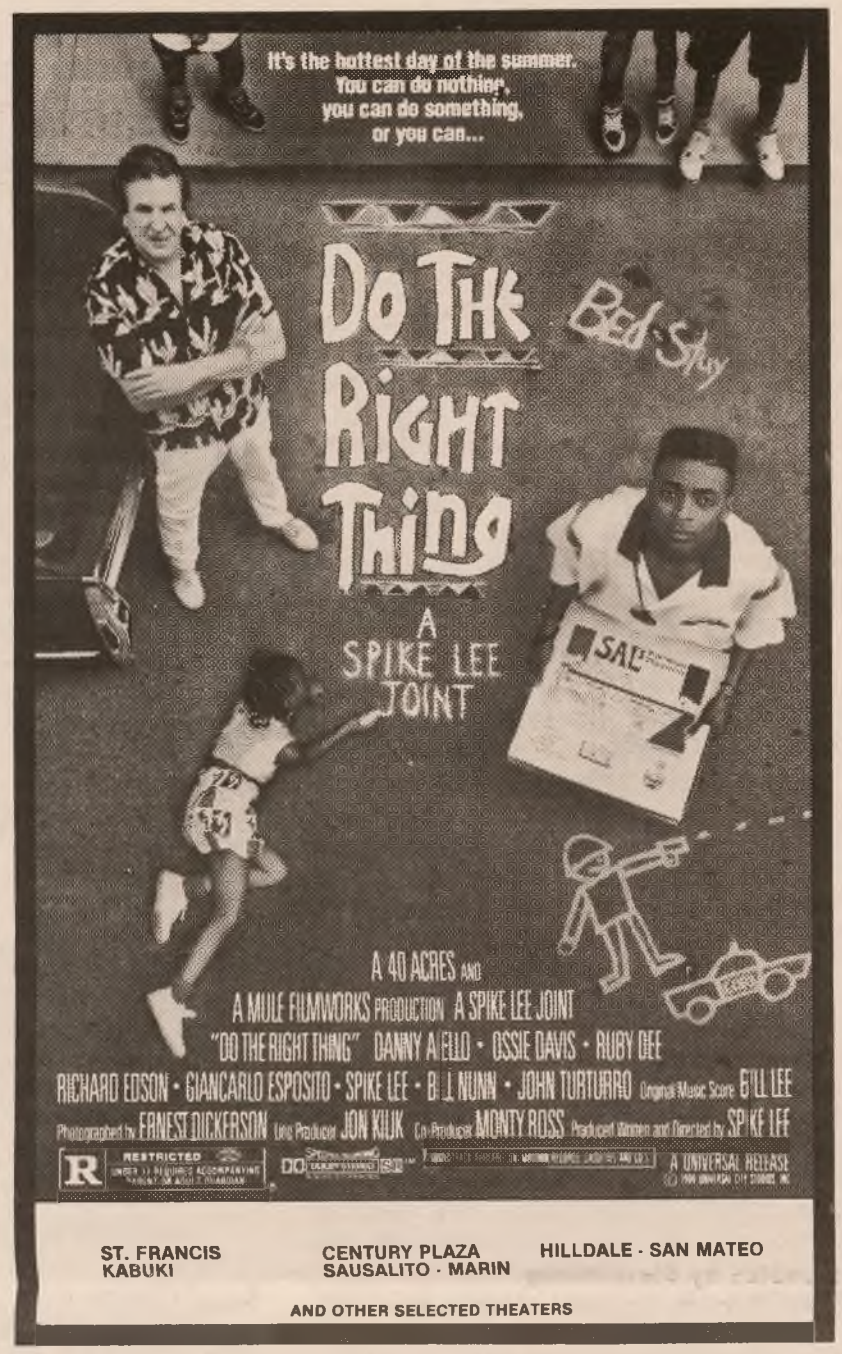
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Sports

'Junkyard' leads Treasure Island to July 4th win



July 4th tourney

"Junkyard" Williams awaits a two-hopper at third base. The tourney MVP had two doubles in the final game.

story and photos by Steve Morey

His cap, tight on his head, threw a shadow over his dark eyes which were underlined by black polish to absorb the sun's burning rays. Around his 5-foot, 8-inch, 212-pound frame stretched a dirtied red shirt and torn sweatpants cut-off at the knee. Crisscrossed stips of white tape hung from his scraped right knee, normally protected by a kneepad which was now around his burly ankle.

Art "Junkyard" Williams lives up to his name when he plays softball. For his hard-charging efforts, the Treasure Island third baseman was chosen the most valuable player for the post's 4th of July Tournament here July 1 and 2.

"Junkyard" and his TI teammates also claimed number one honors in the double-elimination tournament. TI, winners of the losers' bracket, beat the then-undefeated Dream Team in the tourney's final two games.

Seven teams competed in the ninth annual holiday tournament at the Fort Scott diamonds under a cloudless sky. The Dream Team, primarily made up of Sixth U.S. Army regular season players, was defending its 1988 July Fourth crown.

However, the team from across the bay scuttled any chance of a repeat.

"We played good defense, backed up every throw on every play and made a couple of double plays," said Williams of his squad's final game performance. "It was a team effort."

However, it was "Junkyard" who seemed to inspire TI to give it their all. During an early-round game vs. the Misfits, "Junkyard" slid hard into second base to break up a double play, taking out the shortstop. Moments later on defense, he showed total disregard for his body, crashing into the third base-side fence while chasing a foul ball.

"After we lost the first game [vs. LEC on Saturday], we got together afterwards and talked about it," continued Williams. "We took some extra batting practice and then the guys came around [against the Dream Team]. We're winners."

Against the Dream Team, TI won 14-4, and again, 9-2. "Once we saw them hang their heads after the first game, we came out and ran and threw harder the second game to put the pressure on them," explained Williams.

In the final contest, TI's hustle forced four Dream Team errors and led to as many runs. In the bottom of the third inning and the score tied, 2-2, TI went in front to stay with two runs.

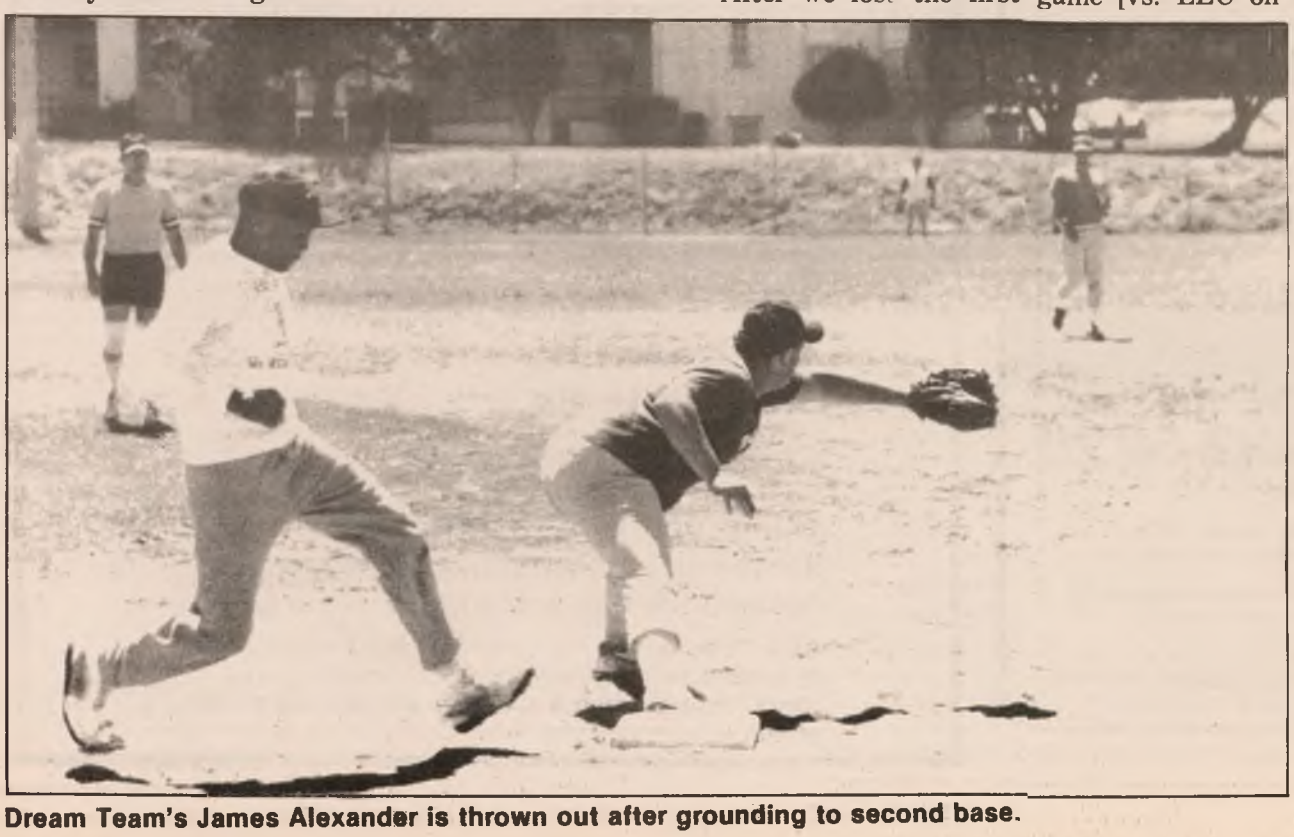
Batting second, "Junkyard" hit his second double of the game. He and Booker Sanders then scored on a Kim Esau line drive off the first baseman for a two-run error.

The rest of the game belonged to TI's pitcher, Earl Snell, and the TI defense. Snell used his "snake" pitch to hold the Dream Team scoreless from the third inning on.

With his teammates yelling, "Give 'em the snake, Earl! Give 'em the snake!", Snell would get two strikes on a batter and then lob the "snake"—a twisting knuckleball.

"I just had their number," said Snell. "I saw what pitches they wanted to hit and then I didn't give it to 'em. I made them hit what I wanted them to hit."

"Junkyard" and his teammates said they would be back on post for the Labor Day Softball tourney. If they play then like they did over the weekend, post teams might be in their doghouse real quick.



Dream Team's James Alexander is thrown out after grounding to second base.

Results

"Winners' bracket": Co. B, LAMC defeated the Misfits, 9-4; the Dream Team, 13-6, over USAG; LEC squeezed by Company C, 864th Engineers, 15-14; the Dream Team beat Co. B, LAMC, 9-5; LEC, 15-14, over Treasure Island; and, the Dream Team defeated LEC, 13-10.

"Losers' bracket": The Misfits, 9-5, over 864th Engineers; Treasure Island beat the Misfits, 8-2; Co. B, LAMC took USAG, 11-7; Treasure Island doubled up Co. B, LAMC, 14-7; and, Treasure Island beat LEC, 6-2.

Finals: Treasure Island, 14-4, over the Dream Team; and, Treasure Island wins tourney, 9-2, over the Dream Team.

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For information about the USDA Child Care Food Program, call Nancy McCreery, CDC operations manager, at **561-3588.**

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photo by Joel P. Smith

S.F. party hat

Doris C. Munstermann, director of Religious Education at the Religious Activities Center, adorns Maria C. Bone, 8, with a Spanish lady's hat at Pershing Square on June 29. Munstermann gave a history tour to about 60 post youths during San Francisco's 213th birthday celebration on the Presidio.

Education Center

If you use Wordperfect 5.0 software in your office, the Education Center's workshop will get new clerks or other people ready to do your office's word processing tasks.

The course will be held Mondays through Aug. 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays in bldg. 1216, and is free for all Presidians.

For information or to enroll, call a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, bldg. 1216, at **561-2974** or **561-4445**, or the Letterman Army Medical Center, **561-3692** or **561-4791.**

NCO essay contest

Promoting that old adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword," Headquarters Forces Command announced the 1989 Army Theme "The NCO" Essay Contest. The contest runs from now to Nov. 11.

"This gives FORSCOM corporals through sergeants major the opportunity to tell 'it' in their own words," said Robert F. Beach, FORSCOM Command Sergeant Major. "In keeping with the spirit of the Army Theme, *FORSCOM NCOs will* be able to tell their stories and have them published in a collection based on experiences involving Army NCOs."

The NCO stories must have leadership, caring, training or maintaining as their focus, and be based on actual observations or experiences. No fictional accounts will be considered.

Four winners in each category from the active, Guard and Reserve NCOs will receive $500 U.S. Savings Bonds and Army Achievement Medals. These 12 winners and 12 runners-up, will have their stories published in FORSCOM's Army Theme book, *The NCO: In Their Own Words.* The winners will be honored by Beach at a ceremony and reception Dec. 15 at FORSCOM headquarters.

Essays will be evaluated on six criteria: audience appropriateness, factuality, readability, style and mechanics. Additional details about the essay contest can be found in the LOI published by the FORSCOM J1 Retention Office.

Golden Gaters

The next Golden Gaters Club outing is a "Jack London Wine and Dine Cruise," July 21. The boat leaves Fisherman's Wharf at 7 p.m. for a cruise to Jack London Square where the group will dine at the Emperor Chinese restaurant and return to San Francisco by 11 p.m. The total cost is $27.

For more information, call Pat Pavlison at the Chaplain's Office, **561-4239.** The deadline for reservations is July 14.

Roses on Sunday

Spend your Sunday in a garden of roses. The Golden Gate Rose Society invites the public to the Rose Garden, southeast corner of Fulton and Park Presidio in Golden Gate Park, on Sunday, from noon to 3 p.m. Members of the Society will provide information on selection, cultivation, and exhibition of roses. This event is free.

For more information, call Sue Kirkham at **333-9840.**

Metal recycling

The Automotive Skills Center, bldg. 362, accepts all metals such as old appliances, pots and pans, skis, auto parts, and old batteries for recycling. Don't contaminate dumpsters or the grounds of the Presidio.

Profits from the sale of scrap metal help support all Morale Support Fund activities. The Center accepts metal Wednesday through Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Jim Porter at 561-5521 for more information.

Thrift Shop news

The Thrift Shop's opening and Flea Market will be tomorrow. The Thrift Shop is in bldg. 204 and will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To rent a vendor space at the Flea Market, bring a table, valid military ID card and $5. There will be an extra charge for additional space. No reservations are needed.

Users' group

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Presidio Macintosh Users' Group will be held Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in bldg. 667. There will be demonstrations of presentation graphics. Everyone is welcome. Call **561-4260** for information.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

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Sat, July 8: Road House (R), 7 p.m. Patrick Swayze, Ben Gazzara. A mysterious loner brought into a rough-and-tumble western town, tries to restore order to a once thriving road house and to protect the townfolks from a vicious local bully.

Sun, July 9: Road House (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, July 10: Road House (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, July 11: Speed Zone (PG), 7 p.m. John Candy, Donna Dixon. An unusual assortment of wackos sit in the driver's seats on a wild coast-to-coast race after all the professional drivers are thrown in jail.

Wed, July 12: See You In The Morning (PG-13), 7 p.m. Jeff Bridges, Farrah Fawcett. The comedic adventures of a divorced man and a young widow trying to put their pasts behind them and begin a new life together.

Thu, July 13: The Burbs (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Hanks, Carrier Fisher. A stressed-out suburban husband, trying to enjoy a quiet week of loafing around the house, finds his life turned upside-down when mysterious neighbors move in next door.

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News Briefs

Star Presidian *a day late*

Due to circumstances beyond our control, this week's *Star Presidian* comes out Friday, July 14, rather than Thursday, our usual publication day.

The *Star Presidian* staff regrets any inconvenience this delay may have caused our readers. Next week's issue will be out on Thursday.

New OER enrollees

The deadline to register Presidio children—new enrollees only— in the Optional Enrollment Request program is Saturday.

OER forms should be hand-carried, along with proof of military address, to 170 Fell Street, Room 10A (student assignments office) in San Francisco. OER is available to Presidians who want to send their child or children to a school different than their zoned school.

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Voting slogan contest

All Presidians are eligible to compete in the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 1989 national voter slogan contest.

It's purpose is to increase voter awareness among U.S. citizens. The winning slogan will be used in the 1989 Department of Defense voter awareness campaign and will appear on posters, voter manuals, publications and other media materials.

The winner will receive a certificate of recognition from the secretary of defense. Second place, honorable mentions and the service with the highest percentage of individual participation will also receive special recognition

In the 1988 contest Army Lt. Col. Jay B. Savage submitted the winning slogan, "Tomorrow Will Be Decided Today. Vote."

Presidians wishing to participate may submit any number of slogans or artwork (although artwork is not necessary for consideration). Entries should be on letter-size paper.

Send entries to: Federal Voting Assistance Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Room 1B457, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301. Entries must be received by July 31.

For more information about the contest or any other voting matter, write to the above address or call: **(202) 695-0663** or **AV 225-0663**.

American Forces Information Service

Newspaper deadline

If you want your announcement published in the *Star Presidian* you have to meet deadline. All materials for publication are due in the newspaper office by the close of business Thursday and are published the following week.

Entries must be typed—double spaced—and include a point of contact. First name and ranks (where appropriate) are required. Send submissions to: *Star Presidian*, bldg. 37, room 215.

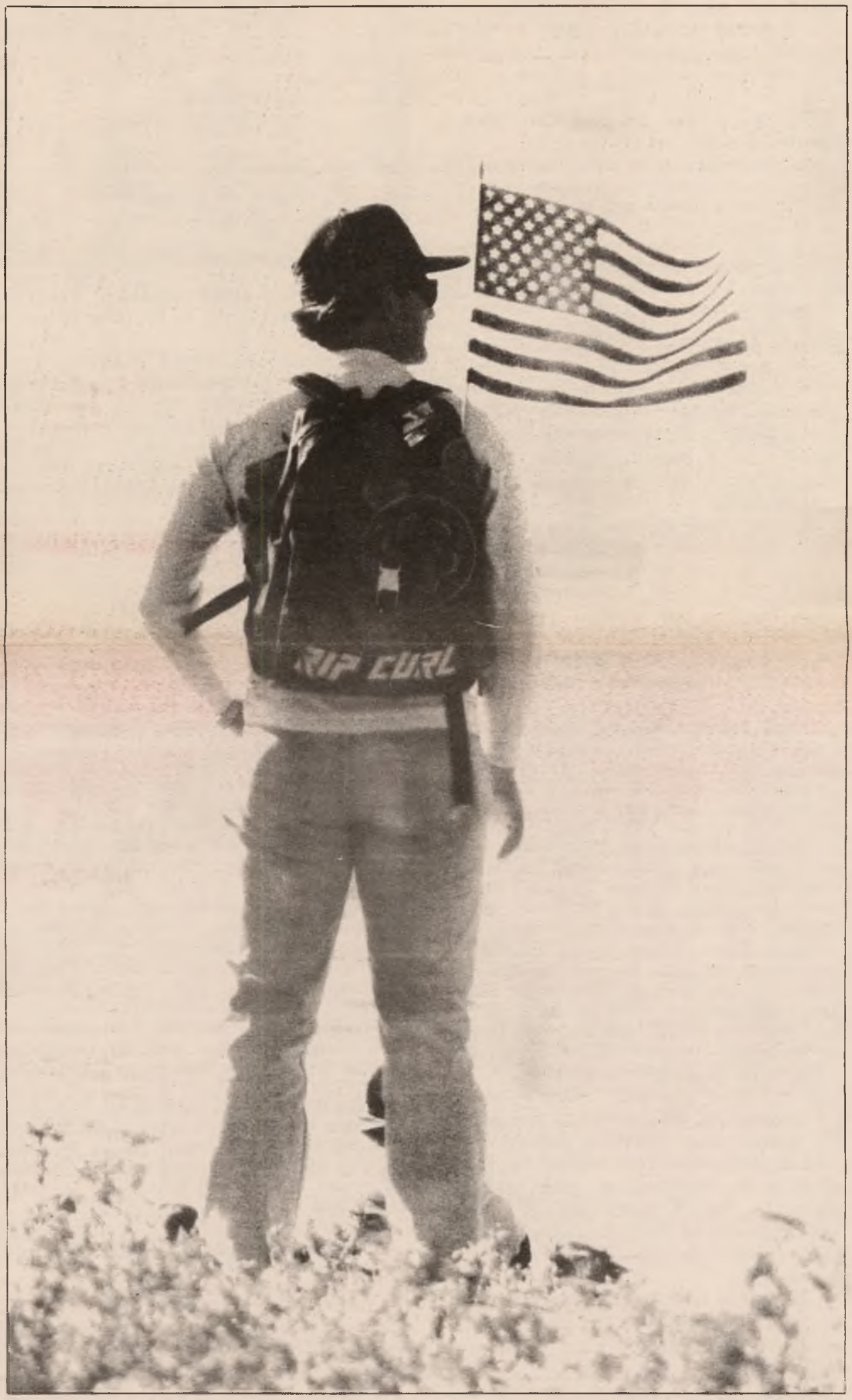


photo by Joel P. Smith

Flagtastic!

Hours before the July 4th fireworks at Crissy Field, David W. Born surveys the San Francisco Bay, which later filled with hundreds of boats. For the story and photos, please see pages 6 and 7.

Voices :Space Odyssey

'Greatest show not on earth'

by Joel P. Smith

Thirty feet above the Sea of Tranquility, Beneath a silent swirl of dust, Apollo 11 commander Neil A. Armstrong saw his shadow on the surface of the moon.

His heart was beating 156 times a minute.

The date was July 20, 1969: Under the oppressive weight of earth's gravity I was flattened out in front of a television set in a trailer park in Cleveland.

Like 50 million people over the world I was watching the greatest show not on earth. If my parents hadn't drug me north, away from sunshine and baby alligators and Titusville, Fla., where we lived until the fall of 1967, I could have watched the lift-off from by backyard, only eight miles from Cape Canaveral, then known as Cape Kennedy.

My parents and I were not on speaking terms.

A faint shudder was felt in the lunar module, which also carried Air Force Col. Edwin E. ("Buzz") Aldrin. Named "Eagle," the wingless hulk reported "engines off."

The next message was lost at Mission Control, where distant-thinkers, men and women of quasar physics and lunar seismology and intersteller radio telemetry whoop-de-whooped and crushed ties in wet, sucking embraces.

The message had been, "Houston, Tranquility Base, here. The Eagle has landed."

In the spring before the launch, after the second grade whistle blew, I hoofed it to my second job: junior rocket scientist. In an acre-wide lot beside the Saddle Inn saloon, I sent a $1.50 plastic rocket soaring 100 feet over the trailer roofs.

The rocket was propelled by a jet of water that you hand-pumped, under pressure, into the capsule. Dizzy from watching it, I'd come in at dark when the growing number of big-rigs, rotting Chevys and drunks made landings risky.

I also began a scrapbook that year. Starting with old photos of the Mercury astronauts from *Life,* I collected character sketches and essays I could use as patterns for my life.

These were difficult men to follow: they had perfect personalities, were self-sacrificing, diligent and they had done hard labor in school.

I concentrated on the personality part.

Armstrong stepped onto the ladder. He turned the television camera on. A barren, beautiful, rock-strewn landscape alien to our eyes met our gaze. Only Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Collins, orbiting the other side of the moon (which eclipsed the signals) in Apollo 11, could not witness it.

From the last rung, Armstrong lifted his foot. His would be the first footprint in the second world we were to explore.



photo by NASA

Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil A. Armstrong place the American flag on the lunar surface in 1969.

The moon was three feet away.

When I think about it, it's probably best that I never became an astronaut. Were I in Armstrong's position, I know I would have carefully backed out of the hatch, making sure not to hang up my million-dollar space suit, and would have then tripped over the ladder, pitching slowly face-forward into the moon dust.

There would be a tiny silent puff of the stuff and I would lie there, pretending to be unconscious, until my oxygen ran out and I just died.

Or maybe Buzz would come out to save me. He would slap me awake and we would stagger back up the ladder to the hatch. A long silence would ensue.

"Well?" he'd say. "Well what?" I'd reply. "Where are the keys?" he'd demand furiously. "I thought you had them," I'd respond, and then the both of us would start scouring the moon for a coat hanger.

Instead I become a follower. Throughout my life I trailed men and women into space, living space and flight through them.

And like millions, I wept when the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after lift-off Jan. 26, 1986, killing two female and five male crew members.

I wept for them and for myself, ground-bound, borrowing the dreams of others, without the courage to do more than watch.

Yet I respect the right to dream. There are children today who will walk in space and we will break our ties with the earth through them.

When Armstrong, and then Aldrin, descended that ladder, they proved that only imagination sets the boundaries on what we can know and explore.

Even if we can only celebrate the human victory, then—sometimes—that is enough.

According to the *Miami Herald* President Kennedy, who called for a moon walk May 25, 1961, questioned whether he'd be alive to see it accomplished.

The *Herald* said Kennedy told relatives if he died before the walk, he'd "be sitting up there in Heaven in a rocking chair... .

"And I'll have a better view of it than anyone."

Editor's note: *"Appointment on the Moon," by Richard S. Lewis, was the reference for details of the Apollo 11 flight.*

Ramblin' Sam

"If you were given the chance to join the astronauts on a mission, would you go?"



Mildred Baptist, military family member: "It would be a challenge, so why not? I would love to see what all the planets would look like."



MSgt. Michael Benjamin, senior ward master, Department of Nursing, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Absolutely. For the thrill and adventure and the unique opportunity."



Maj. Arnold Davis, Chief of Military Personnel Division: "Yes. Outer space is intriguing. Like they say, it's the next frontier. I'd like to go to the moon—or Mars, if tey could extend that far. I'd like to know if there's life out there."

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Presidio



photo by Tom MacKenzie

San Franciscan Judith Segard Hunt, a former Presidio resident, speaks at the meeting in the NCO Club.

Public airs closure concerns

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

On June 28, the Army Corps of Engineers asked the people of San Francisco to express their environmental concerns about the Presidio's closing.

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement process, public hearings are held to give everyone a chance to voice concerns about how any changes may affect them. According to Frank W. Baser, EIS project manager for base closure, the meetings let people know what's going on, and give them a chance to become involved in the EIS planning process and resulting decisions. Since military bases impact on the local economy (federal paychecks end up in nearby grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, department stores and other local businesses), people are often most concerned about the economic impact of closing an installation. With the Presidio there is the added concern of the historic buildings and the panoramic views.

An EIS?

An EIS is prepared whenever the federal government is considering a major land use change on federal property. This is the result of legislation passed in 1969, known as the National Environmental Policy Act. Last year, Congress passed a base closure and realignment law specifically requiring the Department of Defense to do environmental impact studies every time it wants to close a base. Army regulations state the same thing.

The Environmental Impact Statement will focus on these aspects of base closure: environmental, socio-economic, land re-use and cultural/-historical.

Goals

Shig Fujitani, chief of the installation Support Section of the Sacramento District of the Army Corps of Engineers, said the goal of the June 28 meeting was to hear comments from the public regarding the closure of the Presidio.

About 100 people listened to the Corps of Engineers staff members speak about base closure. Issues raised by the Corps included: the relocation of military and civilian workforce; the socio-economic impact to the surrounding communities; the extent of environmental contamination at the Presidio; and the effect on historical structures, landscapes and archeological sites.

The audience then was given an opportunity to voice their concern and queries. Some problems addressed included: the possible uses of post housing; the disposal of the former Public Health Hospital (1800 area); traffic concerns; quality of life issues for surrounding neighborhoods; and preserving historic buildings.

What next?

This meeting was the first step in the planning process. The Sacramento District will now write the EIS which should be completed by September 1990. According to Baser, the first draft should be done by early next year.

At that time the public will be able to review the draft EIS and add comments. He said these comments will influence the final EIS if they address relevant issues on base closure. The problem, he stated, was that comments in the past have centered on the issue of whether or not the Presidio should have been on the base closure list. This is not something the EIS will address, he added.

Alex Macievich, chief of the Environmental and Energy Branch with the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, pointed out the EIS is simply a way of getting all of the information together in one place.

"It gives the guy [in charge] all the information in front of him from which to make a smart decision."

Once the final EIS is written it will be circulated to give more people a chance to comment. If you would like to add your voice, write to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District; Military Projects Branch Attn: Frank Baser; 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

Baser said that "People sometimes think that what's going on is something secretive. In fact, we are searching for public comments. If people have concerns that aren't being addressed we want to hear from them."

Tom R. MacKenzie contributed to this acticle.

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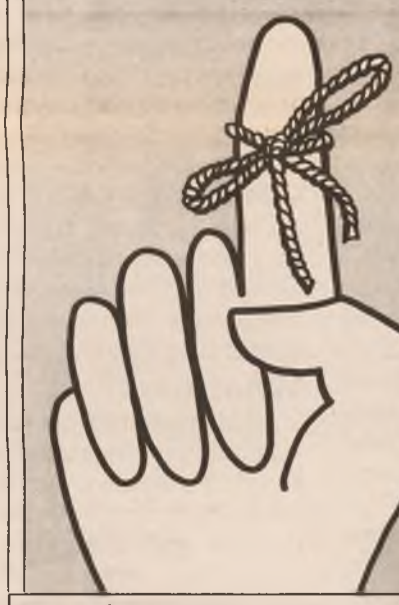
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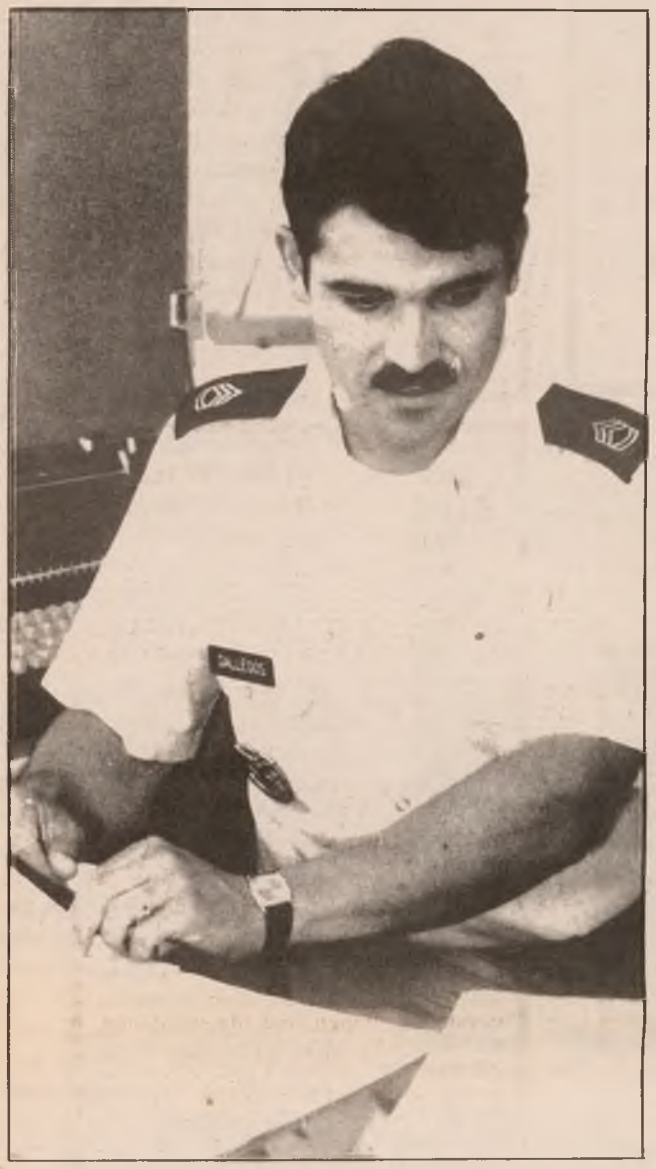


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NCO Profile

Re-up NCO risks nasty gram to help soldier



SFC Gerald Gallegos works on another soldier's reenlistment request.

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

When a soldier on post had his overseas orders mysteriously cancelled the day before he was to leave, the post reenlistment NCO challenged the responsible party at the Pentagon to a "duel."

SFC Gerald J. Gallegos told the certain party "We can meet with pistols at sunset, but let's not hurt this soldier," recalled his assistant, SSgt. Richard J. Caldwell.

The soldier already had shipped his family home and all of his household goods overseas, said Caldwell, reenlistment NCO at Headquarters Command Battalion. Gallegos had the orders reinstated in less than 12 hours because he was worried about the soldier's morale.

Gallegos said he told the responsible person, "Send me a nasty gram. If you want me to sign it in blood and send it back I'll do it. You can come down on me, but don't hurt this soldier."

Caldwell said that's just one example of how Gallegos fights for the benefit of individual soldiers.

"I'm really proud to work with him. He cares very genuinely about soldiers," said Caldwell, who arrived here in January and has worked with Gallegos since.

Gallegos' duties include career counseling and managing the reenlistment program across post, and for units on several other installations in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. He made sergeant first class in nine years, a virtual headlong run up the promotion ladder.

Gallegos, 32, always has a positive attitude toward his job, no matter how difficult it may get, said several of his peers.

The reenlistment NCO at Letterman Army Medical Center also testifies to Gallegos' dedication to both his job and soldiers.

"He's always for the soldier, and willing to work with soldiers to fulfill their needs," said SSgt. Hubert M. Kelly.

Gallegos is an asset to all soldiers who need retention counseling and to those he supervises, Kelly added. "He's given me the experience and the technical knowledge to be successful at my job," he explained.

Kelly, who began working in reenlistment less than a year ago, said Gallegos "made life a lot easier for me. He's been very patient and understanding."

If Gallegos has a philosophy of life, it's probably "be credible," said Kelly. "He knows it's better to tell them [soldiers] you don't know the answer to a question than to tell them the wrong answer and lose your credibiltiy.

"In our profession, if a soldier doesn't believe you, that soldier may not stay in the Army."

When the Army increased by 100 percent the number of soldiers it desired to retain this year, Gallegos "attacked the mission," said post Reenlistment Officer Maj. Arnold C. Davis.

Davis, Military Personnel Division chief, said Gallegos looked at the requirement "as just another opportunity to excel. He's a model soldier."

Gallegos said he loves his job because it gives him a chance to help soldiers map out their lives. "I look at soldiers and evaluate them honestly," he said.

"I don't think too many people come in here and leave without thinking they've gotten a fair shake.

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Silhouetted against the Golden Gate skyline, Headquarters Company, USAG's salute battery fires a "Salute to the Nation."

July 4th sl

story and photos by Steve Morey

Rainbow-colored bursts of ex and shimmering white str luminated the sky over th Bridge on July Fourth. More th Area spectators tripped the light f and in, the San Francisco Bay du fireworks show.

At about 9:15 p.m., landlubb alike looked skyward for the firs hour and thousands of "oohs" and final cascading shower of color home with stars in their eyes.

The nighttime finale ended ab of free entertainment on Crissy F

"I like the big 'POWs,' " said A. Smith. Marie is the daughter of Earl C. and Alie M. Smith, who sai wished the show was longer than

"The kids seem to get excited ferent colors and the exploding roc Smith. "It's a fun time for the wh

A few feet away, Ronald F stared at the exploding sky. "A finish to the decade," said Ronal the action with his four brothers friends. The Presidio boys were with their parents, SSgt. Ronald Hancock.

"The fireworks show is somet get to see very often," added Lynn bring our camper and have a fun family and friends."

The daylong event was spo National Park Service and the *Chronicle*, in cooperation with the Francisco.



Chinese Folk Dance Association members spin and sashay across the stage.



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Minutes before the fireworks, the Sixth U.S. Army Band provided patriotic tunes, and a salute battery from Ceremonial Platoon, Headquarters Company, USAG, unloaded a 50-cannon "Salute to the Nation." Only on Independence Day is such an honor issued.

Hours earlier, San Francisco comedian and master of ceremonies, Michael Pritchard, narrated "A Salute to the Presidio and San Francisco's Cultural Heritage."

Pritchard told the wind-blown audience about the Presidio's vital role in saving San Francisco from being burned to the ground during the 1906 earthquake. (Soldiers dynamited hundreds of Van Ness buildings to create a firebreak.)

He added, "Because of the Army's organized and professional efforts in helping the city, martial law was ever declared."

When each history segment ended, a musical or dance group from each respective era hit the stage.

Culturally captivating entertainers like the "Theatre Flamenco," "Kennelly Irish Dancers" and "Don Neely's Royal Society Six" kept the crowd clapping, dancing and singing along.

Meanwhile on the children's stage, "Galliwhoppers" intrigued the little—and not so little—children. The acting troupe spun tall tales and sang songs.

In addition, juggler Ray Jason, the San Francisco Wu Shu Troupe (Chinese lion dancers), and host, Gary Lapow, delighted the kid in everyone.

It seems you're never too old to enjoy the Fourth of July.



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Sports



Surprise teams lead softball league at halfway mark

by Steve Morey

Halfway through the season there are, as usual, a few "surprise" teams in the 1989 post Intramural Softball League. The most suprising team, according to the Sports Branch's softball coordinator, is the Law Enforcement Company.

Explained Charles Hurd, "They've made the most progress, from where they were last year—one of the last teams to qualify for the postseason playoffs—to where they are now [in first place as of July 6.]"

LEC, 7-1, was scheduled to face the second-place and new-to-the-league Misfits, 6-1, on Tuesday; if the Misfits—made up of players from four post units—won, they'd be number one.

Another eye-opener this year is Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion's number two squad, 5-2 and in fifth place. Put together with "extra" ballplayers from the company's number one team, they've knocked off the Misfits and Sixth U.S. Army.

Equally curious are defending champs, Sixth Army. According to Hurd, the perennial post powerhouse's 4-3 record can be attributed to a lack of players.

"Throughout the first half of the season, most of Sixth Army's team was on TDY (temporary duty assignments)," said Hurd. "If they get their people back the second half, they should be tough again."

The league's 16 teams are all vying for a spot in the double-elimination playoffs, slated for the first two weeks of August.

By then, the regular season will sure to have featured many more surprises.

Intramural softball standings

	Won	Lost
1. LEC	7	1
2. Misfits	6	1
3. Co. B, LAMC	7	2
4. Co. A, LAMC	6	2
5. 864th Engineers No.2	5	2
6. DOL-FIN	4	2
7. DEH	5	4
8. Sixth Army	4	3
9. LAIR	3	3
10. USAG	3	4
11. 864th Engineers No.1	3	4
12. FBI	2	5
13. MI Battalion	2	6
14. Malcontents	1	6
15. DENTAC	1	7
16. LCA	0	7

Upcoming softball games

Tuesday

864th No. 1 vs. Sixth Army	5:30 p.m.
LAIR vs. DENTAC	5:30 p.m.
LEC vs. Malcontents	6:45 p.m.
LCA vs. Misfits	6:45 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. USAG	8 p.m.
FBI vs. 864th No. 2	8 p.m.

Wednesday

LEC vs. LAIR	5:30 p.m.
DEH vs. Sixth Army	5:30 p.m.
864th No. 1 vs. Malcontents	6:45 p.m.
MI Bn vs. 864th No. 2	6:45 p.m.
FBI vs. DENTAC	8 p.m.
Co. B, LAMC vs. Co. A, LAMC	8 p.m.

July 20

DEH vs. Malcontents	5:30 p.m.
LCA vs. Sixth Army	5:30 p.m.
Co. B, LAMC vs. 864th No. 2	6:45 p.m.
MI Bn vs. DENTAC	6:45 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. Misfits	8 p.m.
USAG vs. Co. A, LAMC	8 p.m.

July 25

LCA vs. Malcontents	5:30 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. Co. A, LAMC	5:30 p.m.
USAG vs. 864th No. 2	6:45 p.m.
Misfits vs. Sixth Army	6:45 p.m.
864th No. 1 vs. LAIR	8 p.m.
FBI vs. LEC	8 p.m.

July 26

DEH vs. LAIR	5:30 p.m.
MI Bn vs. LEC	5:30 p.m.
Co. B, LAMC vs. DENTAC	6:45 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. Sixth Army	6:45 p.m.
864th No. 1 vs. FBI	8 p.m.
Co. A, LAMC vs. 864th No. 2	8 p.m.

July 27

Co. B, LAMC vs. LEC	5:30 p.m.
Misfits vs. Malcontents	5:30 p.m.
LCA vs. LAIR	6:45 p.m.
DEH vs. FBI	6:45 p.m.
MI Bn vs. 864th No. 1	8 p.m.
USAG vs. DENTAC	8 p.m.

Sports Notes



4th of July bowling tournament offical standings

Mens Singles

Marion Larkins	617
Harry Hom	608
Pineapple Kamatea	602
Bobby Gascon	600

Women's Singles

Morena Villanueva	597
Alie Smith	590
Lynne Hancock	579

Men's Doubles

Marion Larkins and Filipo Tuisano	1,192
Ben Villanueva and Roger Esponilla	1,184
Terry Lackey and Filipo Tuisano	1,179

Women's Doubles

Betty Larkins and Kathy Tuisano	1,084
Lynne Hancock and Anna Waller	1,062
Frances Taong and Alie Smith	1,055

Mixed Doubles

Anna Waller and Bobbie Gascon	1,181
Kathy Tuisano and Filipo Tuisano	1,181
Morena Vallanueva and Ben Villanueva	1,171



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ITT news

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Hockey fans, ITT is taking prepaid orders for hockey tickets. The match is between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the New York Rangers on Sept. 30. Tickets cost $19.75 each. To order, visit the ITT office in bldg. 215.

Urban forest guided tours

San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest introduces its 1989 series of walking tours through San Francisco neighborhoods. The tours are free and each one is designed to highlight the relationship between the natural, historical and cultural character of an area and will include commentary on its history, land development, unusual architectural features, cultural influences and special events. Buildings are torn down and rebuilt; people move in and out; but the trees of the urban forest usually stay on to chronicle the story of a neighborhood.

A varied palate of urban sights and sensations will capture the interests of the gardener, the nature lover, the sightseer and the history buff who will be able to tour the Presidio on July 22, Bernal Heights on Aug. 26, Golden Gate Park on Sept. 23, Filbert Street Steps on Oct. 28, Market Street on Nov. 15 and Golden Gate Park's Panhandle on Dec. 9.

Urban hikers will learn about urban forestry in San Francisco, its history and its future. Guides will describe the unique climatic and environmental conditions of each location. Participants will discover resources available to them for tree planting and maintenance. Species lists and maps are provided at each walk.

For a free brochure and more information about activities and touring the urban forest, call **543-5000.**

Presidio Army Ball

The Presidio Army Ball will be held July 29, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at the NCO/Enlisted Club on post. All active duty soldiers, reservists, and Department of Defense civilians (and their spouses) are invited to attend. Attire will be formal for civilians, dress blues or dress greens with white shirt and bow tie for Army, and other service's appropriated "after-six" attire.

For tickets or information, call you unit's first sergeant or sergeant major. This cost is $15 a person.

This year the ball will be celebrating the 1989 Army theme: "The Year of the NCO."



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Peter Pan flies again

Walt Disney's classic opens in the Bay area today. First released in 1953, the animated film has been a childhood favorite ever since.

DinoFest

The California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park will be "bringing to life" 11 dinosaurs in DinoFest '89. These nearly life-size automated dinosaurs move, hiss and roar!

See DinoFest through Sept. 10. For information, call the Dino-hotline at **750-7142.** Admission is $4 for adults, $2 for seniors (65 years old and older), $1 for children 6 to 11 years old, and free for children 5 years old and younger. The first Wednesday of each month is free.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed! There are immediate openings available at the Thrift Shop for cashiers. You will receive training for cashier duties, customer relations, and meeting and dealing with the public. The hours are negotiable.

If you are interested in volunteering on post, Call Rosalyn Johnson at **561-4602.**

School physicals

If your children are starting kindergarten, entering a new school, participating in athletics or cheerleading, they will most likely need a physical. It's not too early to check with your school, obtain their forms, and schedule a physical appointment. On post, call for central appointments at **563-5324.**

LAMC will not be offering "mass" school physicals, nor will physicals be available on a walk-in or same-day basis, so call today for a routine school physical appointment.

USO news

The USO operates a Job Search Program for military spouses. Skills assessment, SF-171 preparation, resume writing, referrals and placement are offered without charge. Register for this program in bldg. 223 (basement) or call **561-2436,** Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family portraits at Craft Center

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Craft, folk art museum

Looking for something a little different to do? Fort Mason houses a craft and folk art museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $1 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays there is no admission charge.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Fri, July 14: The Burbs (PG) 7 p.m.

Sat, July 15: Pink Cadillac (PG-13), 7 p.m. Clint Eastwood, Bernadette Peters. A hard-edged bail bondsman's skip tracer tracks down felons on the lam, but meets his match in a perky young mother who has stolen her husband's pink Cadillac.

Sun, July 16: Pink Cadillac (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, July 17: Pink Cadillac (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, July 18: I'm Gonna Git You, Sucka (R), 7 p.m. Bernie Casey, Jim Brown. In this parody of black exploitation films, a young man returning from the Army persuades a group of toughs to resurrect the days of ghetto revolution.

Wed, July 19: Lean on Me (PG-13), 7 p.m. Morgan Freeman, Beverly Todd. Bullhorn and baseball bat in hand, a courageous principal tackles the job of cleaning up a high school brimming with an ill-behaved, rebellious student body.

Thu, July 20: Disorganized Crime (R), 7 p.m. Lou Diamond Phillips, Corbin Bernsen. A fun-filled romp between the fastfoots and the flatfoots as five bad guys from Jersey endeavor to rob a small town western bank.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, July 14: Naked Gun (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, July 15: Crash Dive (PG)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, July 15: Alien Nation (R)	**7 p.m.**

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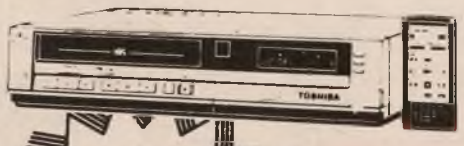


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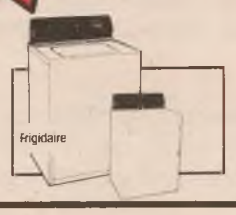


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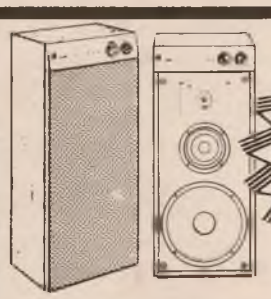
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News Briefs



Nancy Pelosi.



Barbara Boxer.

Community meeting

U.S. Congresswomen Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi invite all interested Presidians to a community meeting July 29 at 11:30 a.m. They will discuss their efforts to keep the Presidio an Army base. See next week's *Star Presidian* for more information.

New LCA commander

Col. Robert J. Walden assumed command of the U.S. Army Logistic Control Activity, during a July 17 ceremony at Pershing Square. Walden was presented with the unit flag by Maj. Gen. E.B. Leedy, deputy chief of staff for Supply, Maintenance and Transportation, U.S. Army Materiel Comnand.

Before assuming his LCA command responsibilities, Walden was the commander of the Military Traffic Management Command Transportation Engineering Agency, Newport News, Va.

Patient assistance

The Letterman Army Medical Center Patient Assistance Office is now located just off the main lobby of the hospital. Patients are invited to call or visit the office when they have complaints or problems that cannot be handled in the clinic. The staff is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call **561-5561** for information or assistance. Messages may be left at **561-4853.**

Newspaper deadline

If you want your announcement published in the *Star Presidian* you have to meet deadline. All materials for publication are due in the newspaper office by the close of business Thursday and are published the following week.

Entries must be typed—double spaced—and include a point of contact. First name and ranks (where appropriate) are required. Send submissions to: *Star Presidian*, bldg. 37, room 215.



Ron (l) and Don Benton come to the end of the San Francisco Marathon.

Army majors double-time

story and photo by Steve Morey

During the San Francisco Marathon on July 9, it was easy to get lost in the crowd. Shapes of faces and bodies blended with patterns and colors of clothing in a sweeping wave of motion.

Among the throng of 2,000 marathoners emerged Ron and Don Benton—identical twins. What made them stand out even more were the shirts they wore.

Each shirt was adorned with an American flag, under which they'd stenciled, "This flag won't burn." (The U.S. Supreme Court recently reversed a conviction involving flag-burning. The Court held that a Texas criminal statute unconstitutionally limited freedom of speech.)

"We wore the shirts to just let people know how much we care about the flag and our country," explained Maj. Ronald G. Benton, executive officer for Headquarters Command Battalion.

"The flag is something sacred to us."

His brother, Maj. Donald L. Benton, is on Active Guard and Reserve duty with the 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Conroe, Texas. He flew in for the 26.2-mile marathon, the Bentons' third together.

Don said, "There wasn't a single person who said something negative about the [shirts'] slogan. We got comments like, 'Hey, that's great. I'm a Vietnam vet ...' or 'My son's in the Navy. It's good to see the flag flying!'"

The 35-year-olds said they wanted their slogan to be viewed as patriotic, not political. Said Ron, "Our society is peaceful because we have a strong defense. People have died to protect the flag and all that it stands for."

Ron Benton began his military career with the Marine Corps in the fall of 1979, four months after watching Don graduate from Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Henderson State University, Ark.

"We try to give each other positive influences," said Don, a 12-year Army veteran. "I remember Ron turned to Mom after the ceremony and said, 'He's changed. That's something I'd like to do.'"

Ron visited a Marine recruiter, signed his enlistment papers and, after three years as a Marine officer, switched services to be closer to his brother. He's been in the Army more than nine years with a five-month time in grade edge over Don.

"It's OK," said Don confidently. "When he brings up his time in rank, I remind him that I'm 13 minutes older than he is."

Don said his current assignment makes him all the more proud of his Army career: the 7th Squadron is the first *reserve* attack helicopter unit in Army history.

Speaking of history, the Benton twins were born July 3, 1954, in Searcy, Ark., the only children of Harold L. and Mona L. Benton. According to the brothers, the doctor knew a week before they were born that their mother was carrying twins; but he didn't tell their young parents.

"Dad was 19 and Mom was about 18," explained Ron. "The doctor didn't want to shock them with the news of *two* babies. As it was, one child meant loads of responsibility."

As they grew, the boys received continual parental guidance. "Both our parents stressed for us to be our own person, individuals, but—equally—to be a team and take care of the other guy," said Don.

The Bentons said they've "always been real, real close," even though they were assigned to

please see Twins, page 3

Voices

Presidian seeks adventure in base closing

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

The Presidio has been on the base closure list for some seven months now and not much has changed around post. I'm told there are a few less people, but frankly I mostly see the same faces I always did. Business as usual is the message I get from Presidians' behavior.

Like most people I sometimes get to wondering what will happen to me, my friends and co-workers. But the more I talk with Civilian Personnel Directorate staff members, the less I have of that gnaw of worry. The way I see it, we'll all be OK.

Yes, as a garrison employee I'll be RIFed when the time comes for the Presidio to close (assuming of course it really does close). But I'm confident I will be taken care of.

Chances are good I'll be offered a new Department of Defense job through the Priority Placement Program here in the Bay Area, or somewhere else. I've always wanted to live in the Pacific Northwest, so maybe the opportunity has come for me to make the move. .

Actually, it's exciting to not know precisely what the future may bring. There are a lot of possibilities and that means I'm thinking carefully about all my options. For instance, maybe I should consider a part-time job? Or perhaps I'll finally get that chance to work in an office with bigger windows.

Who knows what the future may hold? By thinking of the next few years as an adventure, I'm certain to have some excitement added to my life.



Ramblin' Sam

"What can soldiers do to be better prepared for combat?"



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Sgt. Miguel Thompson, medic, Oakland Military Entrance Processing Station: "Master your fitness training, and have joint service training exercises worldwide, go to PLDC, BNOC and ANOC."



MSgt. Victor Serrano, assistant inspector general, Sixth U.S. Army: "Training is the number one priority. Train as you fight. In basic training, soldiers are trained to fight as individuals. At a duty station they ought to be trained to fight as a unit, because that's the way we're going to fight the war."

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—Gen. Omar N. Bradley

"One reason I don't drink is that I want to know when I'm having a good time."

—Nancy Astor,
British politician

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—anonymous

"Doing what's right isn't the problem. It's knowing what's right."

—President Lyndon B. Johnson

"Education is what survives when what has been learnt, has been forgotten."

—B.F. Skinner,
behaviorist

"There are hazards in anything one does, but there are greater hazards in doing nothing."

—Shirley Williams,
British politician

"There is nothing so futile as having the right ideas and getting no attention."

—J.K. Galbraith,
economist

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Presidio

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separate grade school classrooms to avoid confusion.

Said Ron, "Heck, I can still remember, clear as day, when we were in the sandbox together, about 4 years old." It was during one of those interludes that Ron crossed into Don's "territory."

"Our mother drew a line down the middle of the sandbox to keep us apart 'cause we were acting up. I edged over to Don's side and he whacked me over the head with one of those play hoes," said Ron, pointing to the middle of his blond-haired scalp. Ron's head gushed blood and he was rushed to the hospital for stitches.

Hard feelings? Nope, said Ron, he didn't think twice about it, simply that he and his brother were having fun. "We've been competitive, but have always encouraged each other," added Don. "We've always had the same interests—the same cars, housefuls of pets, we both work with the Special Olympics—our wives even look alike."

When they need each other's advice, Don said they don't hesitate to call. "We know it when we talk on the phone or in person, through our mannerisms, when something's wrong. There are indicators.

"When there's a big decision to be made, we'll call the other guy and ask, 'Hey, what do you think about this?' Even *minute* matters like what shoes to buy for the marathon."

For the run, they decided on red-and-white shoes, flourescent lime-green shorts and the flag T-shirts. They completed the long-distance haul through San Francisco streets in 3 hours and 40 minutes.

"A little slower than we wanted," admitted Don, who said marathons are like Army road marches. In November 1987, the Bentons ran their personal best of 3:21 in their first-ever marathon together, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. They also ran the Houston Tenneco Marathon in Texas earlier this year.

"Marathons are as much mental as physical but you don't have someone yelling at you, like a drill sergeant," said Don smiling. "The personal challenge is doubled with both of us running because we push and pull each other along."

Their next marathon is slated for November in Dallas near Don's duty station. As for the notice they get, Ron said, "I like being recognized as a twin. I'm always pulling out a picture of my brother to show people when they don't believe me. We're glad we're healthy and grateful we can do things together."

The Benton brothers said they hope to retire together from the Army. "Our goal at 70 years old," said Ron, "is to be fishing or running together. We want to hear someone say, 'There go those old buzzards again.' "



photo by Joel P. Smith

Sidetracked

Outside the post's Lombard Street gate, a San Francisco Municipal Railway bus straddles the sidewalk at the corner of Lyon and Greenwich Streets. The bus crashed July 13 into Mary Louise's Hair Design, injuring five passengers and the driver. The accident is still under investigation.

Community meeting

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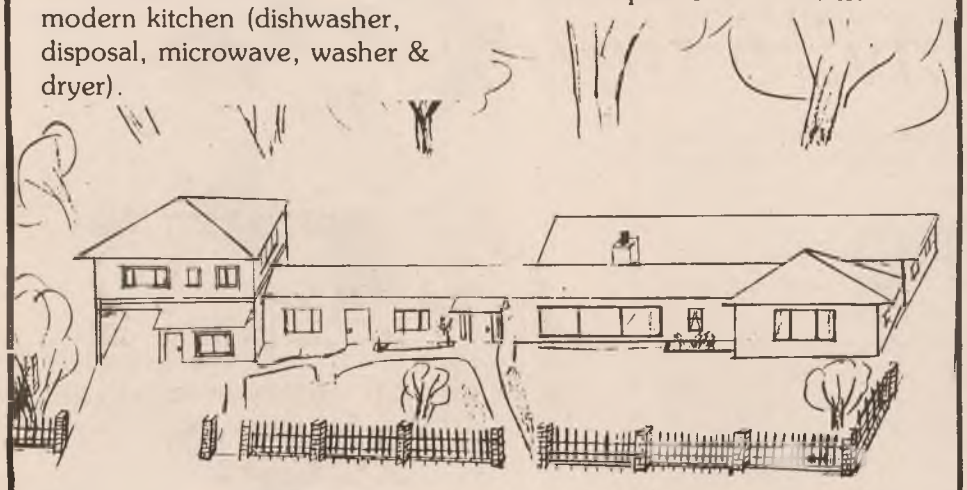
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Summertime

POV shipping tips: know your port, save problems



by Mary A. Peterson,
American Forces Information Servi
and Steve Morey, *Star Presidian*

Each year, thousands of service and their families and millions of pounds of personal belongings are processed through the Oakland Military Ocean Terminal on the Oakland Army Base.

Likewise, during the peak summer months, thousands of vehicles are processed through the Oakland facility, one of 10 Military Traffic Management Command privately owned vehicle processing centers in the United States.

Helpful hints

To help prepare for shipping or picking up your vehicle, the Military Traffic Management Command has published a pamphlet, *Shipping Your POV*, with all the information needed to make the "POV move" less painful. It's available at Oakland Terminal office.

According to Oakland's lead shipment clerk, post soldiers should closely read their PCS orders. Jon C. Gunn said the orders will state whether the soldier is entitled to ship his or her POV; and also from which POV processing port.

Gunn said the biggest problems for PCSing soldiers is when they try to ship their cars from a port other than what the government has arranged. For example, a soldier from an eastern U.S. installation comes down on orders to Germany; he decides to take leave and drives the family west for a California vacation.

He then tries to ship his vehicle from Oakland to Germany. "We tell him, 'Sure, but you'll pay for the extra cost involved to ship the car **back** to Charleston, S.C.,' " said Gunn. That's the port from where his car was scheduled to be shipped.

If you're exporting a vehicle from the United States, here are a few simple rules to make your move easier for everyone:

- ❑ The vehicle should be in a safe and operable condition and meet the emission control and safety standards of the country where you will be assigned.
- ❑ Have a valid safety inspection sticker, if required, from the state in which it is currently registered.
- ❑ Attach the emission control inspection certificate to the windshield, if required in the state of registry.
- ❑ Provide a complete set of keys.
- ❑ Have your military identification card and seven copies of your movement orders.

Rules

You cannot use the vehicle to ship personal belongings except those associated with driving safety and maintenance. Items allowed include jacks, tire irons, chains, fire extinguishers, tire inflators, first aid kits, jumper cables, warning triangles, basic hand tools, one spare tire and two snow tires with wheels, mounted or not. Also allowed are children's car seats and cribs.

Gunn noted that only soldiers who are on orders to Hawaii are limited to the car's jack, spare tire, lug wrench and children's car seats. These Hawaiian exceptions are due to the tariff agreement with the shipping company.

Luggage racks and driving-convenience items such as thermos bottles, bottle warmers and car cushions are allowed, provided you pack them in a 24x16x16-inch carton. If the car is to be shipped in a container, securing these items is not required.

Since many countries prohibit the use of citizen band radios and similar devices, it's a good idea to check with your local transportation office. It can advise whether you must remove these from your car to ship it.

For safety reasons, the car should contain no more than a quarter tank of gas or three-quarters of a tank of diesel fuel. Any excess will be drained at the processing port. The pick-up port will provide two gallons of free fuel.

Since the car may be exposed to freezing temperatures in transit, officials recommend the radiator contain antifreeze tested for 20 degrees Fahrenheit below zero or lower.

Pick up

When you pick up your car at the port, you'll need your military ID card, the shipping document (DD Form 788) and a set of keys.

If someone will be processing your vehicle on your behalf—your spouse or a friend—you must provide that person a power of attorney or a signed statement giving authorization to do so.

Most host nations and military commands require you have a valid local driver's license and auto insurance when claiming the car at the port. The overseas ports provide vehicle registration services.

The Oakland Military Ocean Terminal is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except federal holidays. However, Gunn stressed that PCSing Presidio soldiers must arrive at the facility *no later than* 3:30 p.m. for POV processing. He added that the Oakland center's busiest days are Mondays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call AV **859-3365, 859-3366,** or **859-3367;** or commerically, **(415) 466-3365, 466-3366,** or **466-3367.**

Keep the colds cold, the hots hot

Summer cookouts invite trouble

by Michael E. Metcalf
Veterinary Food Inspection Services

Food poisoning is almost an occupational hazard during the summer. Too often when food is taken from the kitchen outdoors, good food handling habits are left behind.

Picnics and backyard cookouts are a great way to enjoy sunshine, family and friends, but to ensure your cookout is healthy apply these basic rules for summertime food safety:

- Keep cold food stored below 40 degrees;
- Keep hot food stored above 150 degrees;
- Everyone preparing food must wash their hands to kill bacteria before starting.
- Avoid cross-contamination of raw meat, poultry and fish to other foods. Always wash hands after contact with raw meat, poultry or fish before preparing any other food;
- Thoroughly cook meat, fish and poultry. It is risky to eat these items if they have not been heated to a minimum of 165 degrees;
- Never buy or use food in damaged containers. Check cans and glass jars for dents and cracks. Paper packages should be checked for leaks and stains;
- Refrigerate leftovers immediately. Don't leave food in the heat and sunshine. This is the primary reason for food poisoning.



News You Can Use

Social Security —it's no numbers game

Need a Social Security number? Before you rush down to your local Social Security office, arm yourself with the wisdom of what documents you'll need. This will save you time and effort.

To get a Social Security number, you'll need to complete an application form available at any Social Security office. In San Francisco, call **956-3000** to find the closest office and get information. Applicants must furnish proof of age, identity and U.S. citizenship or lawful admission status.

If you're age 18 and older and have never had a Social Security number, you must apply in person. That applies, too, if you're a citizen of another country whose immigration documents should not be mailed.

In the past, children usually signed up for a Social Security number just before entering the job market. But the Tax Reform Act of 1986 mandated that all children age five and older have a Social Security number for them to be listed as dependents on their parents' tax returns. A recent law lowered the requirement to the age of two, effective in 1990 for 1989 tax returns.

If you're applying for a Social Security number for your child or a child for whom you're either a legal guardian or custodian, you must furnish proof of your identity and that of the child, including his or her age and citizenship.

If you've lost your Social Security card and need a new one, or you've married and need to change your name or any other information on your Social Security record, you also must provide proof to establish your identity. If you're a naturalized U.S. citizen or legal immigrant, you must also provide evidence of your current U.S. citizenship or immigration status. This applies, too, if you once were but no longer are a U.S. citizen. For a change of name request, the evidence should show both your old name and your new name.

All documents you provide are subject to verification with the issuing agency. Uncertified photocopies of documents just won't do. The Social Security Administration must see either the original document or a copy certified by the issuing agency. The Social Security office says they'll return any document you send in.

If you need help in obtaining any evidence, you may contact any Social Security office. It usually takes about two weeks to get your Social Security card after they have received your application and the necessary evidence.

Here's what to bring

If you were born in the United States, you may submit several documents as evidence of your date of birth, identity and citizenship. Examples include:

- Public record of birth (birth certificate) established before age five is preferred and shoud be submitted if at all possible;
- Religious record of birth or baptisn established before age five; or
- Hospital record of birth established before age five.

Alternatives

If these records don't exist, you can submit one or more of the following documents. At least *one* document must show your name, age or birthdate and birthplace and should be at least one year old:

- Driver's license;
- State identity card;
- Voter registration;
- School record;
- School identification card;
- School report card;
- Marriage record;
- Divorce decree;
- Work badge or building pass;
- Labor union or fraternal organization card;
- Draft card or military ID;
- Military family member ID;
- Mititary discharge papers;
- U.S. passport;
- U.S. citizen's ID card;
- Newspaper birth announcement;
- Adoption record;
- Court order for change of name;
- Church membership or Confirmation record;
- Welfare case record;
- Doctor, clinic or hospital record;
- Vaccination certification;
- Insurance policy;
- Day care or nursery school record;
- Child's membership in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or other youth organization; or
- Any other document providing identifying data sufficient to establish proper identification.

If you were born outside the United States and are now a U.S. citizen, you should submit either a U.S. Consular report of birth and evidence of your identity or your foreign birth certificate, if available, and one of the following:

- Certificate of Citizenship;
- U.S. military discharge papers showing U.S. citizenship;
- U.S. passport; or
- Naturalization certificate.

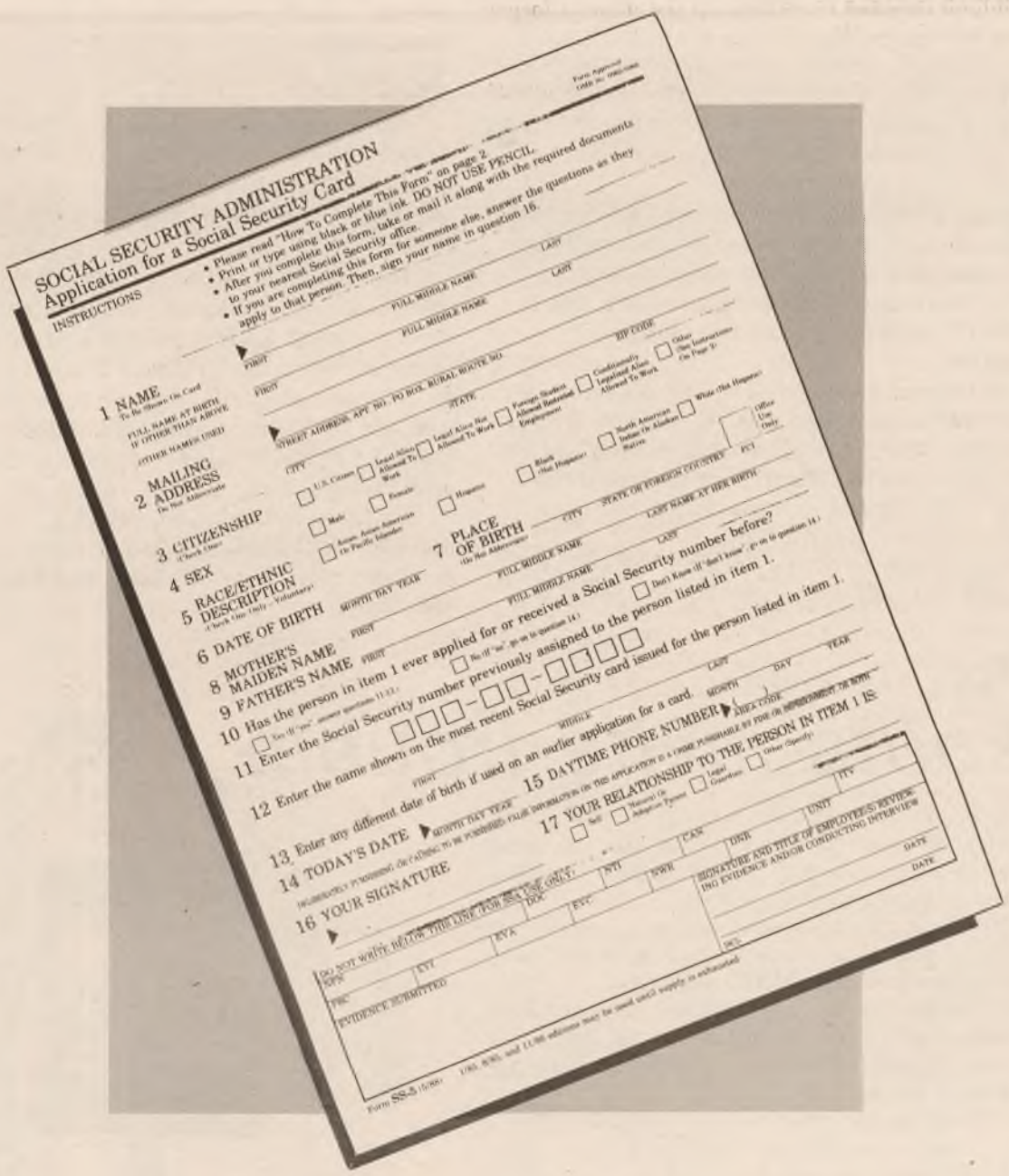
If you're *not* a U.S. citizen but are living in or visiting the U.S., and you want to apply for a Social Security number, you should take to your local Social Security office your foreign birth certificate, if available, and one of the following:

- Alien Registration Card (I-151 or I-551);
- U.S. Immigration form T-20 ID, I-94, I-185, I-185, or I-586 (and I-444, if applicable).

Don't mail these documents. Instead, present them in person. The Social Security office can assign you a number to use for work only if you have been permanently admitted to the United States for residency or are otherwise authorized to work by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

If you're lawfully admitted but not permitted to work and you apply for a Social Security number for a valid reason other than work, the Social Security office will issue you a number. But the card will show that the number is not valid for employment. SSA will also mark your Social Security record, and if you ever use your number in a job, they will notify the INS. Also, any information obtained in connection with your application can be given to the INS.

For more information, call **(800) 2345-SSA**, or call your local Social Security office.



Army News Service

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SSgt. Steven Tschetter demonstrates how to aim the LAW.

Post soldiers set sights on LAW, Claymore

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

SFC Nicholas D. Clear, training NCOIC at Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, said the Claymore "isn't completely idiot-proof." Soldiers occasionally point it in the wrong direction, he explained.

"They look at it and see that it says 'Front Toward Enemy,' and say, 'Well, which is the front?'" Clear said. Then they guess.

The side that is labeled 'Front Toward Enemy' is the front, troops.

A second post training NCO said a hovering helicopter can accidentally blow up a Claymore mine if the dust cap is left off the mine's detonating wire.

MSgt. Robert J. Stein, a senior enlisted infantry advisor with Sixth U.S. Army, said soldiers should understand the dangers of employing the mine in order to set it up safely.

Also, knowing how to safely use the M18A1 "Claymore" mine and its counterpart, the LAW rocket, will help soldiers pass Common Task Testing on post July 24 to 28.

Stein, with the Branch Assistance Team, said helicopter rotors generate static electricity, which can flow through the detonating wire on a Claymore mine if the dust cover is left off.

During the Vietnam War, said Stein, troops would set out the Claymore mine and, while in their foxholes, would test the detonating wire with the circuit with the M40 test kit.

Sometimes they'd forget to replace the dust cap, which protects the set's contact points and innards. If several helicopters happened to pass overhead they, on rare occasions, would generate the three volts needed to run the length of the wire from the foxhole to the mine.

Soldiers were injured in the freak explosions that followed, due to their own carelessness, said Stein. To prevent injury to yourself and your fellow soldiers when using either the Claymore or LAW, study your CTT manual and follow the instructions of your training NCOs, said SSgt. Thomas A. Hayes.

Hayes, Ceremonial Platoon NCOIC for Headquarters Company, USAG, said there are several precautions to take when setting up the Claymore. After taking inventory of the mine's parts, you must set its blasting cap beneath a sand bag (or similar protection) before testing either the firing device or the wire.

Hayes said the explosive cap should **never** be left unprotected while soldiers work on the mine.

Once the tests of the firing device and the wire are complete, and the wire is properly staked at the firing site, the soldier must deploy the mine itself.

Another infantry adviser with the Branch Assistance Team, SFC Lynn D. Pehrson, said a common mistake in setting up the mine is forgetting how to aim it properly.

You have to aim the mine, after forcing its four-pronged stand into the ground, and then re-aim it. Many soldiers, said Pehrson, forget the second sight-in.

During CTT, any of these mistakes, or certain others, will fail you. In combat, they may kill you or your own troops.

Carelessness with the M72A2 LAW (Light Antitank Weapon) also will place you on the no-go list. Clear said the majority of those who fail the LAW portion of the test have forgotten to check the backblast area. Graders will expect soldiers to state, aloud, "Backblast area clear!"

Immediately to the rear of the shoulder-fired weapon, this area receives the searing heat and smoke generated by the propulsion of the rocket's explosive shell.

A soldier within the backblast area, when the LAW is fired, "will be pretty much torched," Clear said. As a Ranger instructor at a training camp in Florida, Clear said he saw a demonstration of the backblast's force. Senior NCOs set a stack of crates in the backblast area and fired the LAW.

Clear said what was not "vaporized" was turned into a "million splinters."

Another common mistake, according to SSgt. Steven R. Tschetter, Law Enforcement Company's former training NCO, is failing to check for damage to the rocket's body.

Cracks, dents or broken seals will pose more of a threat to a firer than to the enemy, since the tube could burst under use. Soldiers must show, during CTT, they know how to inspect the LAW.

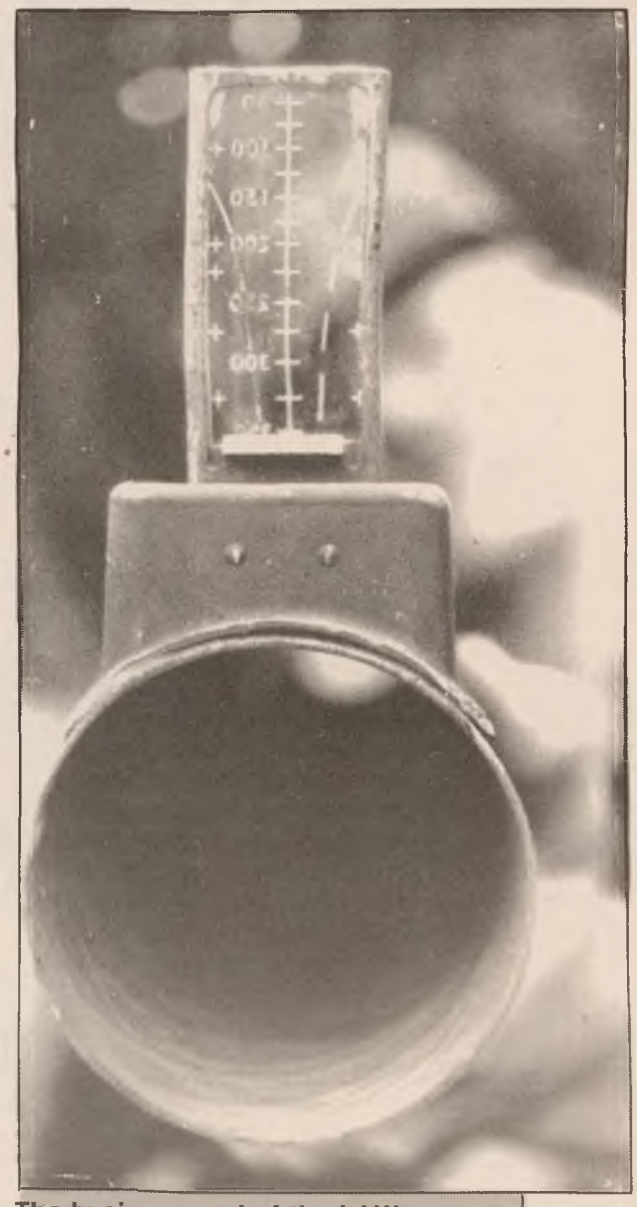
The words "with coupler" also must appear on the weapon's data plate if it is going to be fired, said Tschetter. Once again, soldiers have to prove they know this to graders.

Stein said all soldiers should become proficient with the two weapons because, in war, they can expect to use them.

Soviets will attempt to disrupt supply lines by infiltrating our rear battle areas, according to Soviet battle doctrine.

"That means clerks and paper pushers— everybody—better know how to fight," Stein said.

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Sports

Sports Commentary

What's new, Presidio?

About a month ago, I asked you sports fans to write some letters to me and Jimmy. I waited until I had received them all—one. Here it is. I gave Jimmy dibs on it 'cause it addresses a topic close to his heart: the L.A. Raiders. We figured the mail's slow; so we'll continue to look forward to the other 100 or so letters.

"Slap" Morey

Hey Slap,

I have a thought-provoking suggestion for you. Quit your sports commentary column before you get caught up in the same level of commentary as the "Geek," I mean "Freak." Dedicate your space to real sports information such as the Presidio softball league and major league baseball standings.

No dribbles, foul balls and incomplete passes you call sports commentary. I do admire the intestinal fortitude you displayed when you admitted your friendship with the "Geek"—oops, there I go again. Sorry.

Pass this on to the "Freak" for me. If he knows football as well as he thinks he does, he'd be giving the L.A. Raiders their just due. They may not be championship material; but they're a team to be taken seriously, no matter who they play, or what day they play.

Last season, they beat the San Francisco 49er's and added a come-from-behind win at Mile High Stadium [vs. the Denver Broncos].

"Freak," either dummy up and quit being so biased, or SHUT UP!

SFC David P. Bellerue
Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army

Hey Slap!

When I started to read this letter, I actually felt a bit depressed because a reader didn't appreciate my subtle humor or dry wit. *Then* I got to the part about his support of the Raiders. No wonder the letter was written in crayon. Besides, if he thinks I dislike *his* team, he's wrong. Some of the Raiders who I really like are . . . ummm . . . uhhh . . . does John Madden count?

Anyway, it's owner Al Davis, the NFL's most prominent carpetbagger, with whom I have a problem. If his conduct were judged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, he'd be shot for treason! I can just imagine Slick Al's response when asked what his favorite color was for the team uniforms: "Duhhh . . . black's a nice color."

I intend to continue to call 'em as I see 'em (providing I can finagle a pass from the "home"). To those who agree with me, please keep reading the column. For those who don't agree with me, please keep reading—I might change your mind.

For the rest of you, call a cab!

"Jimmy the Freak"



Anthony LaVine, 7, practices form and technique in the post pool.

Splash! Aquarians dive in



Shelly M. Colvin, 9, rises above water for a breath of air.

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

An authority on youth says swimming with the Aquarius Swim Club on post *is a great way to get in shape.*

"It's good exercise, so you'll have good lungs," says 9-year-old Tracy M. Keating, who then runs out of steam and buries her face in her hands.

Tracy is one of five Presidio youths in the club more concerned with making waves than words.

David L. Strout, for instance, *swims up to a* mile and a quarter five days a week in practice. "I guess I should have been born a fish," says David, 16, who's been swimming since he was 6 years old.

David, the club members, and coach Julie A. Harrosh, are building a competitive swim team for Bay Area meets, but say they're mostly concerned with having a good time.

"I want to do my best," confides David, "but if that means still not winning—and I know I've done my best—then that's good enough for me."

"If you swim only to win, then you're not going to have much fun."

Harrosh, who's been coaching in the Bay Area for five years, sides with David. "I want them to do their best—work to their potential—but I want them to have fun, too."

She explains, "I don't think they should feel bad if they don't win at a swim meet. Personally, I feel good when I know they've done their best."

There's a very practical benefit to membership as well, says Harrosh: "This is a healthy exercise they can do all their lives. There's work involved, but it can be very rewarding."

At meets, Aquarians who outdo the competition can win ribbons or trophies, though Harrosh says that's quite a few laps away for the current team.

That's OK with 9-year-old Shelley M. Colvin. "It's fun to get a ribbon," says Shelley, "but I just like to swim."

If you're interested in swimming competitively with the Aquarians, call Harrosh at 666-8393, or Bartley Porter, Youth Activities at 561-5143.

Monthly membership is $25 a month per child. Practices are held Monday through Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the post pool, bldg. 1151, behind Letterman Army Medical Center.

Upcoming softball games

July 20	
DEH vs. Malcontents	5:30 p.m.
LCA vs. Sixth Army	5:30 p.m.
Co. B, LAMC vs. 864th No. 2	6:45 p.m.
MI Bn vs. DENTAC	6:45 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. Misfits	8 p.m.
USAG vs. Co. A, LAMC	8 p.m.
July 25	
LCA vs. Malcontents	5:30 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. Co. A, LAMC	5:30 p.m.
USAG vs. 864th No. 2	6:45 p.m.
Misfits vs. Sixth Army	6:45 p.m.
864th No. 1 vs. LAIR	8 p.m.
FBI vs. LEC	8 p.m.
July 26	
DEH vs. LAIR	5:30 p.m.
MI Bn vs. LEC	5:30 p.m.
Co. B, LAMC vs. DENTAC	6:45 p.m.
DOL-FIN vs. Sixth Army	6:45 p.m.
864th No. 1 vs. FBI	8 p.m.
Co. A, LAMC vs. 864th No. 2	8 p.m.
July 27	
Co. B, LAMC vs. LEC	5:30 p.m.
Misfits vs. Malcontents	5:30 p.m.
LCA vs. LAIR	6:45 p.m.
DEH vs. FBI	6:45 p.m.
MI Bn vs. 864th No. 1	8 p.m.
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Community Calendar

Presidio Army Ball

The Presidio Army Ball will be held July 29, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at the NCO/Enlisted Club on post. All active duty soldiers, reservists, and Department of Defense civilians (and their spouses) are invited to attend. Attire will be formal for civilians, dress blues or dress greens with white shirt and bow tie for Army, and other service's appropriated "after-six" attire.

For tickets or information, call you unit's first sergeant or sergeant major. The cost is $15 a person.

This year the ball will be celebrating the 1989 Army theme: "The Year of the NCO."

Summer kid's choir

Children ages 6 to 12 years old are invited to sing in the summer kids choir. Rehearsals are held Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Religious Activities Center. The choir will be performing at the chapels on post throughout the summer. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for information, or just come to the next rehearsal.

'The Upside of Down'

A musical show called *The Upside of Down* is now in rehearsals. It is a play that encourages today's youth to say NO to drugs and YES to life. Rehearsals are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for information.

Swimming lessons

Register now for Youth Activities swimming lessons. Classes are offered for beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate swimmers.

Classes begin next week and there is a second session beginning mid-August. All classes are in the post pool, bldg. 1151, behind LAMC. The cost is $20 a child. Children must be at least 36 inches tall to take lessons.

For information, call the YA Center at **561-5910.**

Urban forest guided tours

San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest introduces its 1989 series of walking tours through San Francisco neighborhoods. The tours are free and each one is designed to highlight the relationship between the natural, historical and cultural character of an area and will include commentary on its history, land development, unusual architectural features, cultural influences and special events. Buildings are torn down and rebuilt; people move in and out; but the trees of the urban forest usually stay on to chronicle the story of a neighborhood.

A varied palate of urban sights and sensations will capture the interests of the gardener, the nature lover, the sightseer and the history buff who will be able to tour the Presidio on Saturday. Bernal Heights on Aug. 26, Golden Gate Park on Sept. 23, Filbert Street Steps on Oct. 28. Market Street on Nov. 15 and Golden Gate Park's Panhandle on Dec. 9.

Urban hikers will learn about urban forestry in San Francisco, its history and its future. Guides will describe the unique climatic and environmental conditions of each location. Participants will discover resources available to them for tree planting and maintenance. Species lists and maps are provided at each walk.

For a free brochure and more information about activities and touring the urban forest, call **543-5000.**



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'Weekend at Bernie's'

Jonathan Silverman (l) and Andrew McCarthy (r) star as *Richard and Larry*, whose dream weekend gets off to a bad start when their host, Bernie (Terry Kiser) turns up dead.

ITT news

Movie Bargains

AMC Movie Theater tickets are available at ITT. You may use the tickets at any show (other than special engagements) and the cost is half-price, $3.25. UA tickets are also available for $3.25.

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SATO travel

Dolphin Cruise Line is offering a three-and four-night cruise sailing from Miami. The sail dates are Aug. 25 and Sept. 4. The three-day cruise cost is as low as $254 and the four day cruise starts at $332. Call **561-2314** for more information.

School physicals

If your children are starting kindergarten, entering a new school, participating in athletics or cheerleading, they will most likely need a physical. It's not too early to check with your school, obtain their forms, and schedule a physical appointment. On post, call for central appointments at **563-5324.**

LAMC will not be offering "mass" school physicals, nor will physicals be available on a walk-in or same-day basis, so call today for a routine school physical appointment.

USO news

The USO operates a Job Search Program for military spouses. Skills assessment, SF-171 preparation, resume writing, referrals and placement are offered without charge. Register for this program in bldg. 223 (basement) or call **561-2436,** Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Craft, folk art museum

Looking for something a little different to do? Fort Masor houses a craft and folk art museum Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $1 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays there is no admission charge.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, July 20: Disorganized Crime (R), 7 p.m. Lou Diamond Phillips, Corbin Bernsen. A fun-filled romp between the fastfoots and the flatfoots as five bad guys from Jersey endeavor to rob a small town western bank.

Fri, July 21: Disorganized Crime (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, July 22: Renegades (R), 7 p.m. Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips. An exciting police thriller with a mismatched pair of crime fighters pursuing a brutal murderer who has made off with a sacred tribal relic.

Sun, July 23: Renegades (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, July 24: Renegades (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, July 25: Mississippi Burning (R), 7 p.m. Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe. Set in the deep south in 1964, this true story follows two FBI agents as they solve a volatile case involving the disappearance and murder of three civil rights workers.

Wed, July 26: Working Girl (R), 7 p.m. A hardworking secretary in a brokerage firm tries to climb the corporate ladder by pretending to be an executive in her spare time.

Thu, July 27: Earth Girls Are Easy (PG), 7 p.m. Geena Davis, Jeff Goldblum. A delightful adventure begins when three furry aliens crash land in the swimming pool of a young manicurist.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, July 21: A Cry in the Dark (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, July 22: Butch Cassidy (G)	**1 p.m.**
Sun, July 23: Mississippi Burning (R)	**7 p.m.**

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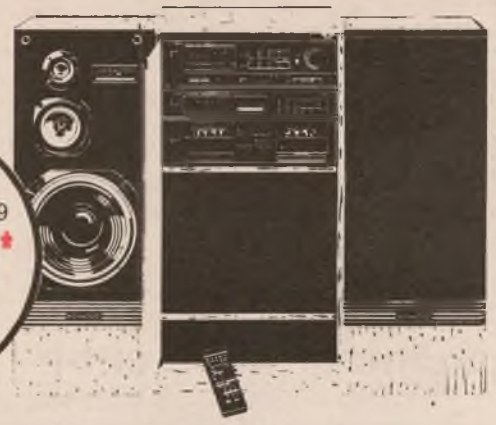
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News Briefs



Nancy Pelosi.



Barbara Boxer.

Community meeting

U.S. Congresswomen Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi invite all Presidians to a community meeting Saturday, 11:30 a.m., in the post theater. They will discuss their efforts in Congress to keep the Presidio an active Army base.

Presidio Army Ball

The 1989 Presidio Army Ball will be held Saturday, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at the NCO Club to help celebrate this year's Army's theme, "The NCO."

According to CSM Dennis C. McVey, command sergeant major of Letterman Army Medical Center and the event's committee chairman, a special program will be presented during the ball honoring the Army NCO. "We usually have a ball in June to celebrate the Army's birthday," said McVey, "but the Sixth Army change of command filled-up June. We decided to have the ball in July and adopt the theme of the NCO."

One part of the program will feature the Army flag and its campaign streamers, with 10 outstanding NCOs from across the Presidio serving as bearers. The Army's history and evolution will be traced and the NCO's role and contribution in such history will be highlighted.

Dinner and dancing to the Sixth U.S. Army band will complete the evening's festivities.

"The ball isn't just for NCOs" said SFC Ola M. Rowson, personnel NCO, Letterman Army Institute of Research and a member of the ball's planning committee. "It's being put on by NCOs, but the ball is for everyone." All active duty soldiers, reservists, guardsmen, retirees and civilian employees, along with their spouses, are invited to attend.

For more information concerning the event, call Rowson at 561-4982.



Stunning views like this attract several hundred thousand visitors to the Presidio each year.

They're coming to Presidio

story and photos by Kathy Pitts

They're coming in droves—on foot, by bicycle or car, singly and in gangs of 25 or more. They are students and journalists, retirees and housewives. They're coming to see the Presidio.

Now more than ever visitors are flocking, from very near and from as far as Europe and Australia, to visit the site that gave birth to the city of San Francisco. They come because the Presidio is suddenly the recipient of more attention than it has received since the days when General Funston ordered out the troops to assist the victims of the San Francisco earthquake and fire in April, 1906.

The attention comes because, after 213 years of duty as an Army post—first under the Spanish flag, then the Mexican and the U.S., the Presidio has been included in a list of 145 military installations nationwide to be closed or realigned.

Some come out of curiosity, after all these years, to see what it's all about.

"I've lived in San Francisco 34 years and this is the first time I've come to visit," writes one homegrown tourist.

Some come to mourn what they see as the closure of an era. One World War II veteran from Ohio reminisced with a Presidio Military Policeman about his three years here.

"We walked around the post together and he showed me what he remembered from then. He said he was sorry to see it closing," said Sgt. Kyle Ritter.

Some come to celebrate what they believe will be the Presidio's future as a world-class urban park. With its stunning views of the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco Bay, and that masterpiece of art and engineering called the Golden Gate Bridge, people are drawn to the Presidio.

Others, like Congresswomen Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi, are coming to see what they can do to prevent the eviction of the current tenants from the base. They believe the city and the U.S. Army would be better served by maintaining the installation as an Army base.

But whatever their motives and concerns, visitors can be seen everywhere.

Ritter, NCOIC of the Traffic Management and Accident Investigation Section, believes all traffic on post—pedestrian, bike and auto—has tripled. "It used to be the difference between the summer tourist season and the rest of the year, but now it's continual. People are picnicking on the grass and taking pictures everywhere."

"Our requests for tours have more than doubled since the announcement of the base closure (in January)," says Jim Hudgins, chief of Community Relations for Garrison Public Affairs. "We used to average two tours a week; now we're averaging nearly a tour a day, especially during the 'prime' tour seasons for schools, late spring and early fall."

please see Visitors, page 7

Voices

NCO– labor or management?

by J. C. Matthews

Disorientation. Paranoia. Fear of failure. Social displacement. Loss of support network. Paralysis. Sometimes, panic.

The symptoms vary, but the identity crisis that accompanies promotion to sergeant is unavoidable, immediate, and in many cases, permanent.

With the simple sewing of a stripe, soldiers are stripped of their peers, given new responsibilities and new standards, and told, "You're an NCO now, a leader." They become a part of a network that they had only previously seen from below, and armed with personal priorities, values and opinions, they do what they think is best. Whether new sergeants succeed or fail as NCOs, though, largely depends on how they resolve that initial identity crisis, which can be neatly summed up in one question.

Is an NCO part of "labor" or "management?"

The easy answer is that, as an enlisted soldier, an NCO is part of "labor," officers are "management." However, within the context of the Army's drive to produce improved NCO leaders, and within the framework of individual unit and section hierarchies, NCOs also act in a "management" capacity. They give orders, establish policy, set standards, make decisions, and perform all the other tasks traditionally regarded as "functions of management." So, there is no easy answer.

With whom do NCOs usually identify—superiors or subordinates? An NCO who considers himself part of "management" likely identifies with his superiors. He feels his primary responsibility is to them, and his goals are to meet their requirements, perhaps becoming one of them someday.

On the other hand, a "labor" NCO more likely identifies with his subordinates and feels a special responsibility to them. He remembers all too well what is was like to be a junior enlisted soldier, and tries to live by a statement he made some time back: "When they put me in charge, things are going to be different." So which is the better NCO? Is there an ideal "self-image" that an NCO should have?

The fact is, there's really no body of evidence to support either position over the other, and there's every indication that the question can't be answered.

NCOs are leaders of soldiers; that's indisputable. The best NCO leaders are those who delegate responsibilities but who also pitch in to get the job done when needed. The best NCO leaders are those who fight back when their soldiers' interests are unnecessarily jeopardized, and then turn around and push their soldiers to capacity to accomplish whatever mission is before them.

The best NCO leaders are those who know where they're going but also remember where they came from. They try to balance what "management" wants with what "labor" can do, acting as both and as neither.

The bottom line seems to be that NCOs must be all things to all people, acting in accordance with the needs of the unit and of the day. By definition, then, an NCO is neither "labor" nor "management," and NCOs who think of themselves as one or the other are simply limiting themselves.

Properly weathered, the initial vertigo associated with promotion to sergeant will arm a new NCO with the flexibility necessary for success in any role. Flexibility allows NCOs to bend to the Army's needs, an important attribute considering the alternative. Things that don't bend usually break.

Army News Service



Ramblin' Sam

"Should it be mandatory for everyone to donate blood?"



Narcisco L. Otlang, custodial worker, main post exchange: "No, forcing people to give blood is an infringement on individual rights."



Pvt. 1 Loren Tylerparker, Military Policeman, Law Enforcement Company: "No, if people want to give blood then that's fine, but they shouldn't be forced to give it."



SSgt.Willie J. Howard, C. T. technologist (X-ray technician), Letterman Army Medical Center: "No, giving blood is an invasive procedure, and we should at least have control over whether or not we have needles stuck in our veins."



John R. Lammering III, Supervisor of In/Out-processing, Military Personnel Division: "No, because donating should be a personal decision. Mandatory blood donations could violate the person's rights and could cause harmful prejudicial reactions by others if known that the person cannot donate. All blood cannot be donated."

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After 213 years as an Army post, the Presidio may close. photo by Tom R. MacKenzie

Base closure

Complexity may buy time

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Civilians on post may be wondering what's going to happen when the Presidio closes in the next five or so years. While no one has all of the answers, yet, one man can give some insight into what may happen.

William S. Fraim, Deputy Director of Personnel and Civilian Personnel Director at U.S. Forces Command, is one man who has his finger on the pulse. He was on post July 18 through 20 to talk with members of the Civilian Personnel Directorate and share some insights into what the future may hold for Presidio employees.

Fraim hastened to point out there are few certainties yet. This is because the Congressional Appropriations Committee has not yet voted to provide funding to the Army for base closure and realignment.

This next step in the complicated base closure process is just beginning. Each affected service—Army, Air Force, Navy—draws up plans for exactly how their bases will close or realign. These plans are submitted to the Congressional committee for funding, and until they are approved, none of plans' details receive final approval. Crucial issues, such as when the Presidio will close, are dependent upon these congressional decisions.

According to Fraim, the Army will be asking for "seed money" to enable Department of Defense to carry out the recommendations of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

"I'm not sure it is clearly understood that all of this is not free . . . Congress will make a decision as to how to appropriate funds. That's a really neat little balancing period we're in right now.

"The announcement has been made, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force are all busy putting plans on the drawing board, but none of that has been approved. So saying, 'when does the Presidio close?' well, that hasn't been determined. Until you determine that, you can't really develop the glide path."

Fraim's "glide path" is the key to the Presidio's closure. It will outline what activities go where and when. It also will address the complicated issue of transfer of function. Some Presidio employees will be offered an opportunity to move with their activity to a new location. The formula by which this is determined is relatively simple; if a function is already being performed at the new location (i.e. payroll clerk), a person performing that function on the Presidio WILL NOT be granted transfer rights.

However, as Fraim said, "Clearly there is no one in danger of not getting a paycheck tomorrow. I would say there is no one *in danger of not getting a* paycheck for the next couple years. I really don't see anything that brings the Presidio to a grinding halt between March and July of 1990."

The reason, according to Fraim, is the complexity of the missions being supported on the Presidio. As Fraim put it, the post is not a self-contained do-one-thing installation like Fort Polk, La., where the primary mission is the 5th Infantry Division. If the Army had decided to move that division, closing the installation would be fairly simple.

"But you take an activity like Presidio San Francisco which has all kinds of tenants . . . the Presidio is an installation *that* exists for the purpose of supporting all of those. And they don't go away, even under closure and realignment. Those activities still exist and need to be supported out of somewhere. 'Complicated' probably understates it."

The hope, Fraim said, is that people will continue to work for the Army. He stated emphatically that the Army is truly concerned about the civilian employees. According to him, as part of the base closure recommendations, there are plans on the table to keep the civilians working for the Army. To do that he cites programs already in place: retraining for employees, relocation expenses being met, and the buying and selling of real estate.

Other employees, he figures, may opt to retire. He said that at a typical FORSCOM installation, more than 10 percent of the workforce may already be eligible for retirement. Combined with normal turnover, he said there may be less people displaced by base closure than some may have guessed.

The bottom line: yes, there may be employees RIFed at the Presidio, but FORSCOM and the Department of the Army are looking out for everyone. He said his recommendation to FORSCOM career managers will be for them to get in touch with their people at the Presidio and let them know there is support and help available. That may help Presidians deal with the stress and uncertainty of base closure.

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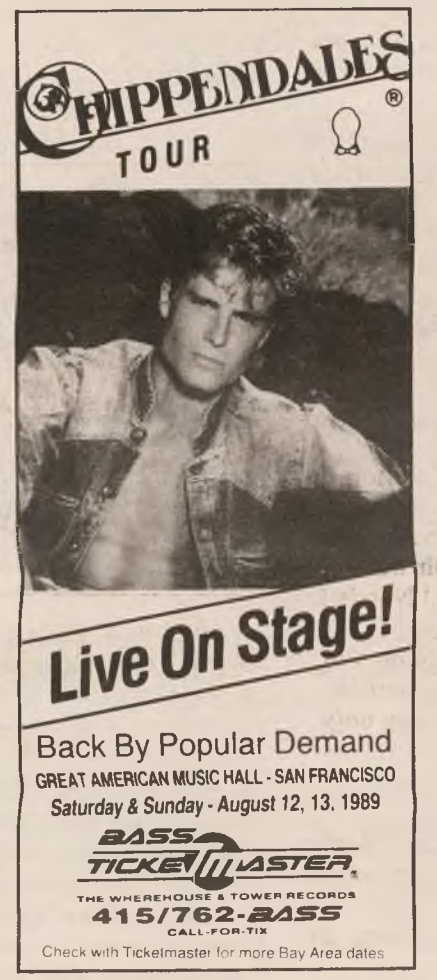
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Chapel volunteers awarded for service

story and photos by Steve Morey

The honor is rare: once a year the Army Chief of Chaplains' committee meets to decide who should be awarded the "Order of Aaron and Hur." Two Presidio volunteers made the award more unprecedented when they became the first-ever *duo* awardees—and from the *same* post.

Military retirees John "Jack" T. Adams, 70, and Richard "Dick" L. Allphin, 78, received the award during a June 30 ceremony at the main post chapel. They've been post chaplain's office volunteers for more than 20 years.

"[The award] is unbelievably rare, the qualifications to get it are so stringent," said Adams, a 25-year Army veteran.

Allphin, Adams' friend for more than 20 years, retired in 1971 from the Air Force. He echoed Adams' remarks.

"'**The Order of** Aaron and Hur' is something I never heard of until I received the award at the post chapel," explained Allphin. "I know all about it now, though."

"The medal represents the post chaplaincy's work with the Presidio community," said Allphin, "much like Aaron and Hur's support of Moses." (According to the Bible's Old Testament, the two biblical heroes helped Moses hold aloft a shepherd's staff which gave the Israelite army strength to defeat enemy soldiers.)

In recommending Adams and Allphin for the award, Sixth U.S. Army's chaplain focused on the similarity between the post awardees and Aaron and Hur. Chaplain (Col.) David W. Hoh wrote to the Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) Norris L. Einertson:

> *Aaron and Hur were two folks, two men of God, right? So here they are; let me present the Aaron and Hur of the Presidio. They are only two from among the great many spiritual lights at the Presidio, but they shine brighter and point the way for all the rest...*

Hoh added he's only seen three other "Aaron and Hur" awardees in his 30-year Army career, one other from the Presidio in 1986. The Sixth U.S. Army chaplain said his reasons were many for recommending the retirees.

"Nearly once a day the men call up Presidians who can't help themselves. And with the younger community, both [former] soldiers always share interesting war stories about their military careers. They're kind of like fathers to anyone new who comes on post."

Adams and Allphin also have held prayer sessions, maintained daily phone contact and house visits with sickly and aged parishioners, composed weekly church bulletins and decorated the chapels with elaborate flower arrangements. Multiply that by two decades.

In addition, both men have given hours upon hours of their spare time to spruce up gardens outside the Chapel of Our Lady and the Main Post Chapel. They said they're most proud of a memorial garden outside of the main Chapel. The garden idea was warmly welcomed by Adams and Allphin after the chapel's wall space for memorial plaques was depleted in 1975.



Dick Allphin pauses a moment before finishing the count of offertory money given during worship service.

'It's a pretty humbling thing to see yourself standing that tall. It's the epitome of all my work as a layman for the Presidio community.'

Adams promptly planted 51 African boxwood shrubs in a semicircle; the green shrubs are now more than three feet. The plants encircle a large section of rust tile, in which are emplaced plaques in memory of active duty, retired servicemembers and their family members.

"The garden gives people the peace of mind of knowing their loved ones are remembered somewhere, someplace," Adams explained.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth E. Renfrow, deputy post chaplain, noted, "They both have a sense of compassion and a genuine sense of caring, especially for the retirement community."

Renfrow added they make hospital visits to comfort the sick and offer fellow retirees car rides to the doctor or to post facilities like the Commissary and main Post Exchange.

However, the duo's greatest contribution, said Adams, has been their work with each new chaplain on post. "We've helped chaplains perform their duties for 20-some years. Chaplains have come and gone on post. I guess we've made it easier for them to do their jobs, sort of a continuity from one chaplain to the next."

Likewise, Allphin praised the post chaplains. "The whole premise of Jack and I getting the award is a reflection of the post chaplaincy, because they've been a very strong influence in this community. They've done a lot of things, and will continue to do much more, as long as the Presidio is open."

How does it feel to be compared to Aaron and Hur?

"It's a pretty humbling thing to see yourself standing that tall," answered Adams. "It's the epitome of all my work as a layman for the Presidio community."

Adams added, "These past few years I've overlooked the importance of our work. I now realize the essence of the medal and what the man who created it had in mind."



1984 photo by Bob Walker

Jack Adams kneels by hedge he planted in memorial garden.

Chaplain's medal has biblical source

Two Presidio volunteers recently earned "The Order of Aaron and Hur," the most prestigious Army Chief of Chaplains' award. In doing so, Jack Adams and Dick Allphin earned the nickname "The Aaron and Hur of the Presidio," from the Sixth U.S. Army Chaplain.

"Just as Aaron and Hur helped Moses, Jack and Dick have helped the Presidio chaplaincy," said Chaplain (Col.) David Hoh, who recommended the men for the award. Established in 1974 by then Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt, the order is based on an account recorded in Exodus 17:8-13 in the Bible.

"Aaron and Hur were there when they were needed," said Hoh. "So, too, have these men—for more than 20 years. They typify everything about 'The Order of Aaron and Hur.'"

According to the passage (which is listed on the award), Moses instructed Joshua to call his Israelite forces to fight the Amalek army.

> *Tomorrow, Moses told him, I will stand at the top of hill, with the rod of God in my hand!*

The next day Moses, accompanied by Aaron and Hur, climbed the hill to view the battle. As long as Moses held his rod aloft, the Israelites prevailed; whenever his arms tired, the Amaleks took control. Moses' arms finally gave way, which spurred Aaron and Hur into action. The men

> *rolled a stone for him to sit on, and they stood on each side, holding up his hands until sunset. As a result, Joshua and his troops overcame the army of Amalek.*

Said Hoh, "[Dick and Jack] have been doing this on post for over 20 years. Without their spiritual support and community assistance, the Presidio's 'arms' would have collapsed a long time ago."

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"We attribute that to the publicity generated by the announcement," Hudgins said.

Publicity—requests by various media for information on the base and base closure plans—is handled by the Garrison Public Affairs Office. "Media inquiries have skyrocketed," said Tom R. MacKenzie, chief of Media Relations. "Folks want to know what's happening with the Presidio. They want to know about its history.

"Unfortunately, we don't know when it's going to close, or whether it will, so we get a lot of repeat business."

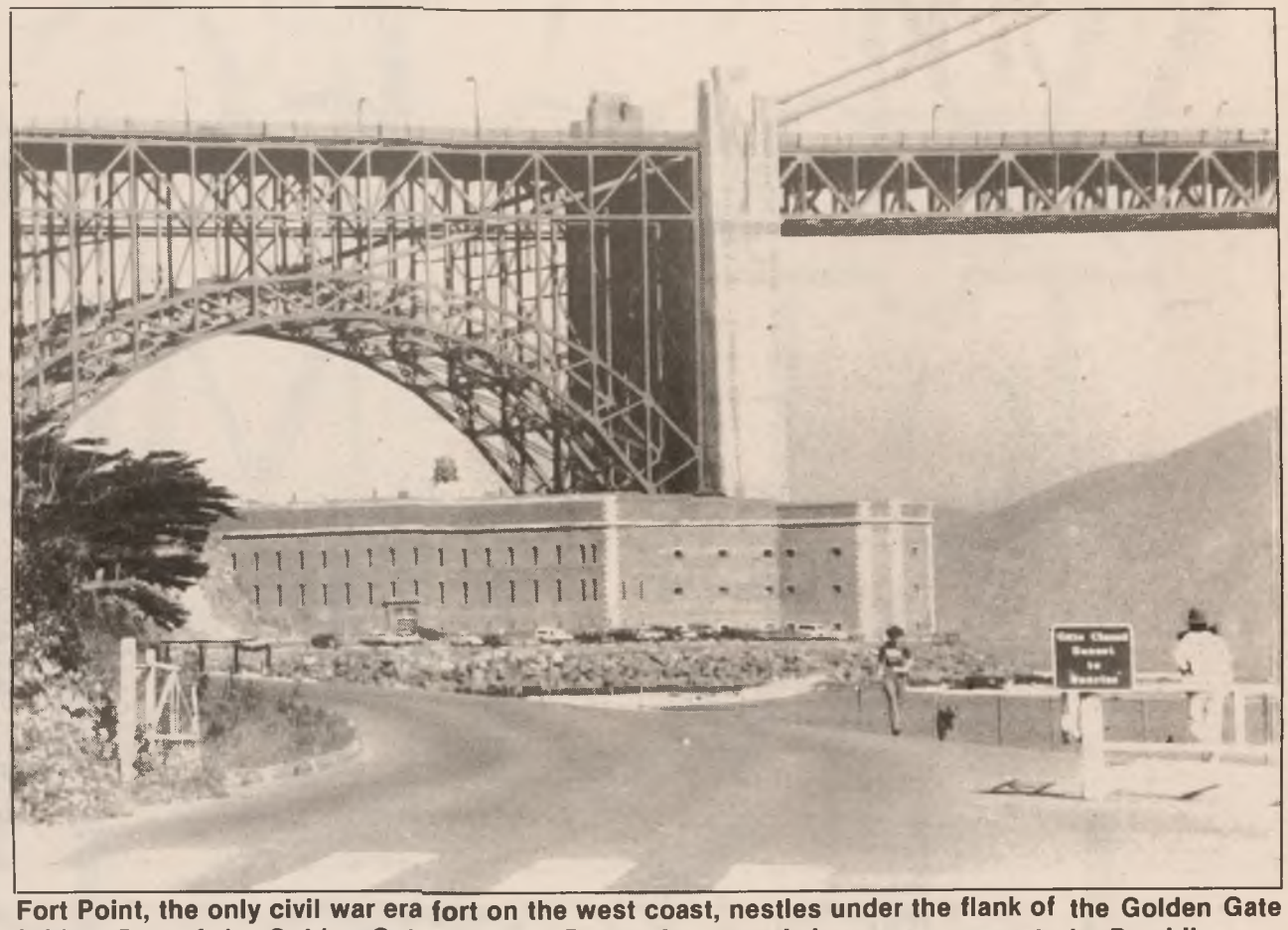
MacKenzie noted that the amount of clippings culled from local newspaper articles about the base has at least doubled. National and international papers, "every local television station," as well as National Public Radio and Public Broadcasting Service also have carried stories on the Presidio, according to MacKenzie. Coincidentally, the Presidio served as location and namesake for a recent movie starring Sean Connery.

Fascination with the base closure issue is reflected in comments made by visitors to the Presidio Army Museum. "Don't give up the fort," writes one, while another questions, "Whatever will be done with all these reminders of years gone by!"

The museum, called "one of *the* best little museums in the Bay Area" in a recent *San Francisco Chronicle* article, also has seen an upsurge in attendance. "People are coming in droves," said Director Becky Poulliot.

There is a downside to the increase in company, however. The number of auto accidents, including vehicles hitting pedestrians has doubled. And the number of citations for DUI—Driving Under the Influence—has more than doubled, according to Ritter. "People need to know this is not a party place."

Discussing the future of the Presidio is serious enough business, and anyone interested in doing so is welcome to attend a community meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the post theater with Representatives Boxer and Pelosi.



Fort Point, the only civil war era fort on the west coast, nestles under the flank of the Golden Gate bridge. Part of the Golden Gate National Recreation area, it is reached through the Presidio.

But while the debate continues about whether or when the 1,400-acre base will close, visitors and residents have a unique opportunity to explore the history and natural beauty that is the Presidio of San Francisco.

Self-guided tour maps are available from the Army Museum, Military Police station and Community Relations Office. Tours for groups of 25 or more also can be arranged through Community Relations with two weeks advance notice. Hudgins noted tours can be tailored to the interests of a group. (For more information, call 561-2006 or 561-3870.)

Museum visitors are rewarded with displays and recreations of the past of city and post which cause guests to write, "My high school history was pretty boring. Thanks for making it come alive for me."

With 70 miles of roads, hiking trails, and hundreds of historic sites and buildings, it's no wonder one mother from Sunnyvale wrote, "What will happen to the Presidio? I want my kids to have a place like this nearby."

Unwatched pot can burn down the house

Fires often start in kitchen, grease spills to blame for many

by Frederick Brown, Fire Inspector
Presidio Fire Department

Recently, a 26-year-old soldier stationed in the Midwest died from smoke inhalation. The soldier was under the influence of alcohol and apparently fell asleep while some food was cooking on the kitchen stove. The fire started on the range, then spread to most of the kitchen.

Fortunately there was no one else in the apartment. To add fuel to the fire (no pun intended), there was no smoke detector in the apartment. **This was the second major Army housing fire within the last six months where alcohol and unattended cooking was the major factor.**

One-fifth of all home fires in the United States start in the kitchen. Cooking is the third largest cause of fire deaths in the home and the major cause of apartment fires. This is due to the constant potential for fire in the kitchen. For instance, if you cook two meals a day, every day of the year, that's a total of 730 potential fires.



The most frequent kitchen fire involves oil or grease that ignites during meal preparation. Be careful to prevent grease build-up in the stove or range hood.

Water should never be used on grease fires, as it will cause the burning liquid to spatter, spreading the fire. Have a lid for every pan or skillet in use. Put out fires by covering the pan or skillet with a lid; turn off the stove and leave the lid on until the contents cool.

Do not carry a burning pan or skillet outdoors or to the sink. This could result in the liquid spilling, cause burn injuries and spreading the fire. Remember: Put a lid on it!

While cooking, do not wear loose clothing, and be careful not to reach across the burner at any time. Garments with long draping sleeves or light-weight sheer materials can catch fire by simply brushing against a hot burner.

Be careful in removing any pans or skillets from the stove or oven. Always use a hot pad. In households with small children, handles of the pots and pans should be turned in so a child cannot reach them and receive a serious scald or burn.

Never store goodies above the stove. Young children may be tempted to reach across the stove top to get them. Keep curtains and paper towels away from the stove and oven.

Whether cooking with gas or electricity, never place anything on the stove you do not intend to eat. An electrical coil reaches 800 degrees while a gas flame goes over 1,000 degrees. Dish towels and pot holders can catch fire at 400 degrees.

Supervise the very young and the elderly. Teach the children not to play around the stove, and *never* leave a stove on that is unattended.

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Sports



The Misfits score a run in the top of the third, but come up short in the final score, losing 5-4 to DOL-FIN.

Major league upset: DOL-FIN squeaks past Misfits

story and photo by Mark W. Brown

With two out in the bottom of the seventh, DOL-FIN squeaked in one run to beat the Misfits, 5-4, in post Intramural Softball League play July 20.

A 4-4 tie going into the seventh inning, it looked like the Misfits and DOL-FIN, the league's first and second place teams, would tie.

Skip Harden and Kevin Wright of DOL-FIN had other plans. After holding the Misfits to no runs in the top of the seventh, Harden and Wright and the other DOL-FIN players smelled a victory in the air.

The Misfits, doing their best to prevent a DOL-FIN win, put out the first two batters. Harden came to the plate and poked a fly ball into left-field for a two-bagger. It was Harden, who in the bottom of the fifth, tripped and then later scored to pull DOL-FIN even with the Misfits, who had led most of the game.

Kevin Wright approached the plate, and after taking two strikes, blasted a one-hopper into left field. Harden rounded third and headed for home. The throw went wide to the left side of the plate and Harden stepped safely onto home base for the winning run.

Much of the game was defensive struggle with both teams showing well-honed fielding techniques which have put them on top of the league standings.

"It was a struggle right to the end. We were fortunate to win," said Willie Kirk, DOL-FIN manager.

"Outstanding defensive play on both teams' part," said Steven Broadway, coach of the Misfits, "most of the innings were three up, three down, and in slow-pitch softball, that's very odd."

The Misfits registered 10 hits to the DOL-FIN's nine hits in a losing cause.

Sports Notes

Golf tourney

Tuesday is the deadline to enter the Presidio Sports Branch's annual Golf Tourney Aug. 5 at 8 a.m. on the Presidio Army Golf Course. The event is open to all active duty soldiers, DA civilians, and family members (20 years old and older) assigned or attached to post.

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Tennis tournament

The deadline to enter to enter the Post Tennis Tournament is Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. The tournament is set for Aug. 18 through 27 on the eight post tennis courts. A $5 entry fee must be paid by each participant.

The tourney is open to all active duty, Department of the Army civilians (age 19 and older), retirees living within 50 miles of post; and family members.

There is a mandatory meeting for all players Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Gym No. 1, building 63. The event has six divisions: open (39 years old and younger); senior (40 years old and older); women's (open only); men's doubles; women's doubles; and mixed doubles.

Call **561-5032** for more information, or visit Gym No. 1.



Intramural Softball standings as of July 20

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1. Misfits	10	2
2. DOL-FIN	8	2
3. Co. B, LAMC	10	3
4. (tie) LEC	9	3
Co. A, LAMC	9	3
6. 864th Engineers No. 2	8	4
7. DEH	8	5
8. LAIR	7	5
9. Sixth Army	7	6
10. 864th Engineers No. 1	5	6
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If you are interested, call **556-1249** and ask for Department 10. New volunteers are needed each week between August and November.

Summer kid's choir

Children ages 6 to 12 years old are invited to sing in the summer kids choir. Rehearsals are held Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Religious Activities Center. The choir will be performing at the chapels on post throughout the summer. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for information, or just come to the next rehearsal.

'The Upside of Down'

A musical show called *The Upside of Down* is now in rehearsals. It is a play that encourages today's youth to say **NO** to drugs and **YES** to life. Rehearsals are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for information.

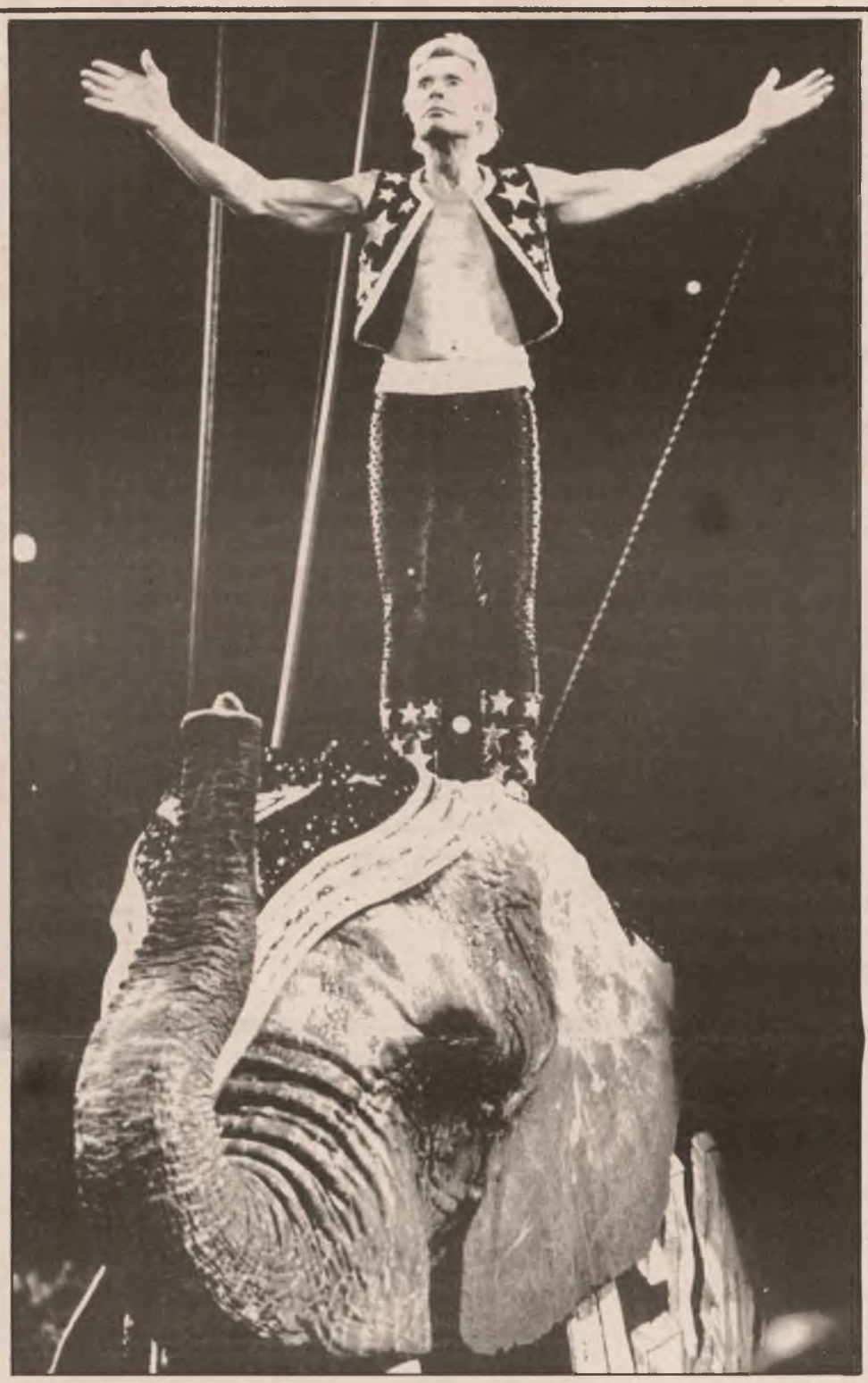
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ITT news

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ITT is selling discount tickets for the Barnum & Bailey Circus' Sept. 2 performance. The tickets cost $10 and are on sale now.

Thrift Shop news

The next Thrift Shop Saturday opening and Flea Market will be Aug. 5. The shop is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Flea Market starts at 7:30 a.m. Bring a table, valid military ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an extra charge for additional space.

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Volunteers are needed for Saturday's Takara Cable Car Chase. This San Francisco race is expected to attract more than 2,000 runners and about 75 volunteers are needed.

If you can help, call the San Francisco Boys & Girls Club at **221-0790.**

School physicals

If your children are starting kindergarten, entering a new school, participating in athletics or cheerleading, they will most likely need a physical. It's not too early to check with your school, obtain their forms, and schedule a physical appointment. On post, call for central appointments at **563-5324.**

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USO news

The USO operates a Job Search Program for military spouses. Skills assessment, SF-171 preparation, resumé writing, referrals and placement are offered without charge. Register for this program in bldg. 223 (basement) or call **561-2436,** Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Zoo birthday

Help the zoo celebrate it's 60th birthday this summer. Special children's performances are being given each day. You can see flight demonstrations; watch zoomobile animals perform; see the Asian elephants do aerobics at midday; and learn all about tarantulas.

The San Francisco Zoo is located at Sloat Boulevard and 45th Avenue. It is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults; $2 for youths age 12 to 15, and seniors (age 65 and older); and free for children younger than 12. Admission to the Children's Zoo is $1 extra for everyone older than 2.

Craft, folk art museum

Looking for something a little different to do? Fort Mason houses a craft and folk art museum, Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $1 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays there is no admission charge.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, July 27: Earth Girls Are Easy (PG), 7 p.m. Geena Davis, Jeff Goldblum. A delightful adventure begins when three furry aliens crash land in the swimming pool of a young manicurist.

Fri, July 28: Earth Girls Are Easy (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, July 29: Field of Dreams (PG), 7 p.m. Kevin Costner, James Earl Jones. An Iowa farmer is led on a personal odyssey across American after he receives a mysterious calling to build a baseball diamond in his cornfield.

Sun, July 30: Field of Dreams (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, July 31: Field of Dreams (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Aug. 1: Fletch Lives (PG), 7 p.m. Chevy Chase, Hal Holbrook. A wisecracking, multi-disguised reporter leaves Los Angeles to take over a crumbling plantation in Louisiana.

Wed, Aug. 2: The Fly II (R), 7 p.m. Eric Stoltz, Daphne Zuniga. A young man fights a battle of mind and body as his father's mutated genes threaten to ruin his humanity.

Thu, Aug. 3: No Hold Barred (PG-13), 7 p.m. Hulk Hogan, Kurt Fuller. A good guy wrestler faces the deadly Zeus while a race against the clock goes on to find his kidnapped girlfriend.

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Fri, July 28: Distant Thunder (R)	**7 p.m.**
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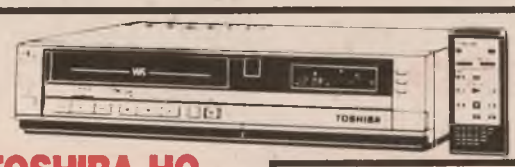


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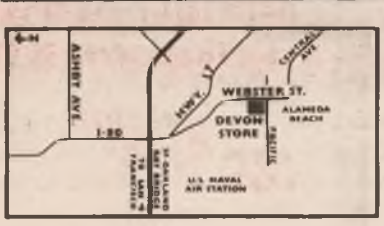
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Lt.Gen.Harrison takes charge today

by Steve Morey

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison assumes command of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio of San Francisco today during ceremonies on the Main Parade Field at 2:30 p.m.



Harrison succeeds Maj. Gen. Todd P. Graham, who has held the position of commander since June 30. Harrison comes here from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he commanded I Corps and Fort Lewis since 1987.

Before his duty at Fort Lewis, Harrison was commanding general for the 7th Infantry Division (Light) and Fort Ord, Calif.

Commissioned in October 1955 and recommissioned in 1959 (Harrison was out of the service from 1957 to January 1959), the general's career as an infantryman has spanned more than 30 years. A member of the Infantry Hall of Fame, Harrison served combat tours in both Korea and Vietnam.

Harrison's key staff positions include Sector and Regional Adviser in II Corps during the Vietnam conflict; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, and Director of Plans and Training, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Assistant Division Commander (Support) of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

As a junior officer, Harrison commanded a company in the 101st Airborne Division and, later, two companies in the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. Additionally, he commanded a mechanized infantry battalion in the 3rd Armored Division, and the 4th (Phoenix) Brigade, 2nd Armored Division in Germany.

Harrison has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. In addition, he has earned the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Republic of Korea, Order of National Security Merit, Cheonsu Medal.

A master parachutist and air assault-qualified, Harrison also has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and parachute badges of the Republic of Korea and Canada.

Harrison is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He also holds a bachelor's degree in history from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg State College in Shippensburg, Penn.

Born in Pembroke, Ky., Harrison celebrated his 56th birthday July 2. Harrison and his wife, Jo, have two sons, Bill and Charlie.

The public is invited to attend today's change of command ceremony in front of Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army.

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Congresswomen gear up for Presidio battle

story and photo by Steve Morey

U.S. Congresswomen Barbara Boxer and *Nancy Pelosi* discussed their efforts to keep the Presidio an active Army post during a town meeting at the post theater Saturday.

About 300 active and retired military servicemembers, civiliams and family members attended the 90-minute question and answer session.

Boxer represents the 6th Congressional District where the Presidio is located, and Pelosi is the 5th District representative.

"Everybody is talking about the Presidio of San Francisco," Boxer said. "We've made progress. We've been noticed. They can't turn their backs on us now.

"Right now, we feel we're in a better position than we were when we started [in January]," said Boxer, who added the chances are "60-40" the Presidio will remain under Army control.

Recent congressional action has again put into the limelight the proposed closing of the nation's oldest continuously active Army installation. In December, the Presidio and 85 other military bases were recommended for closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

However, Pelosi and Boxer now have the backing of a General Accounting Office study which shows the government will lose money for 21 years if the Presidio closes. As a result of the GAO's findings, the House Appropriations Committee approved an amendment July 26 which would, in essence, stop any money from being spent in 1990 to close the Presidio and 13 other bases.

One day later, the House Rules Committee ruled out of order the committee's amendment. However, the rules committee offered Boxer a chance to submit a different amendment listing only the Presidio as a possible exception to the base closure list.

Boxer and Pelosi said they are in the process of surveying the House to determine if they have sufficient support for the amendment. On Saturday, they admitted it will be a struggle.

Said Pelosi, "Why should a representative back our cause when his or her installation is set to close? We now have to *personally* go to each of the 435 members of the House and convince them of our case."



Nancy Pelosi (l) and Barbara Boxer answer questions during a town meeting.

But, she added, "Time is our ally. The longer we keep up the fight, the more support we'll get from Congress and the Senate. We're not getting bluffed out of the Presidio."

Since January, the two San Francisco congresswomen have maintained it would cost the government less to keep the Presidio an Army post than to transfer the land to civilian authorities.

Boxer explained the base closure issue is made up of "substance and politics—and we have substance on our side." She gave an example of what she meant by "substance."

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission, said Boxer, expected the government to sell the majority of Presidio land for an estimated $555 million. "When they made the [base closure] list, they'd never even set foot on this base." She then asked, "How can they make money by closing the Presidio if they can't sell it? They can't, they can't!" she answered with a shake of her head.

Boxer said the commission didn't consider the fate of the post once the Army vacated the 1,400 acres of land. According to 1972 legislation, Presidio land reverts to the Department of the Interior, which heads the National Park Service and, locally, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

According to James L. Hudgins, Community Relations chief for the post's Garrison Public Affairs Office, about half of Presidio's 800 buildings are "historically significant structures." If the post closes, by law they must be maintained by the park service and GGNRA.

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Voices

NCOs meet challenge for promotion

by J.C. Mathews



Digesting the sketchy information at his disposal, the soldier lays his plans against the objective. No mean task: the battle will be long and hard-fought, with no foreseeable end. Nevertheless, it is a battle that must be fought.

The soldier considers various tactics, looking for the elusive key to swift victory; none is to be found. So, he plods grimly onward, guided only by a faint, moving shadow barely visible across an endless stretch of hostile terrain. His only arms are his will and his wit.

Yet, in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, the soldier may someday plant his flag over the objective. After all, each year brings thousands of small (and large) victories to soldiers who fight well in the battle for promotion.

Overstated? Perhaps, but the struggle for advancement into and up through the NCO ranks is far more than just a metaphorical battle. It's a long, hard, uphill fight against elements both environmental and internal, and its degree of difficulty and similarity to battle are surely intentional.

The battle has rules of engagement—time in grade and service, military education requirements, standards of performance, et cetera. All of these qualifiers must be accounted for before a soldier can enter the fray. A soldier who wants to win the fight must know under what circumstances he can begin to fight, and those rules of engagement must be clearly understood long before the first shots are fired.

Soldiers also must make use of maps to find their way to promotion. Promotion point worksheets, NCO Evaluation Report standards, and professional development models all show the paths, but no soldier can follow a map without first determining his own location.

On the promotion map to sergeant and staff sergeant—the promotion point worksheet—soldiers should find out how many points they rate in each category months before their first official computation. This gives them an idea of how far they have to go and a little extra time to get there. The maps to senior NCO promotions show far more routes to the desired objective; a long hard look at the NCO-ER and the various professional development models will allow a rising NCO to choose among the high roads, the low roads, and the barely marked paths through the forest.

Whenever a soldier knows where he is and where he has to go, it's generally best for him to move out smartly. The journey to the promotion battlefield is no exception. With the passage of time, fiscal restraints and intense competition have a knack for entrenching promotions into a practically immovable object. To survive the battle for advancement, a soldier must become a fast-moving, irresistible force.

Some soldiers win the battle for promotion through determination and perseverance. Some win quickly in an all-out assault on the standards. Some win simply by outlasting the enemy.

The point is, the battle for promotion can be won. Winning takes a clear understanding of the rules of engagement, a long, hard look at the map, and the willingness to move with purpose. It's a battle of wit and determination; and not everyone *will (or should) emerge from* it victorious. Only the best fighters—by definition, the best soldiers—are fated to win.

After all, who deserves Army promotions more than soldiers who fight and win?

Army News Service

Ramblin' Sam

"What is the greatest challenge of being an NCO?"



SFC Jessie Huffman, shipping representative, Logistics Control Activity (LCA): "Setting a good example for the younger troops."



Sgt. Tom Carder, operations sergeant, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion: "Getting the necessary equipment to properly train the soldiers."



SGM Ted Disney, USAR Senior Advisor, Sixth U.S. Army: "The biggest challenge is developing the personal courage necessary to enforce the Army standards."



Sgt. Melvin Robinson, personnel NCO, Headquarters, 6th Region CID: "Being a good leader, by knowing your job and being able to do your job while at the same time looking out for the welfare of your soldiers."

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Presidio

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The commission also said that once the Army left, it would cost $2 million to cleanup the Presidio grounds, including any toxic waste removal. "That figure is make-believe. It's wrong," said Boxer.

"Congresswoman Pelosi and I have determined—and the Government Accounting Office agrees—it would take at least $82 million to cleanup the Presidio." GAO also determined the Presidio closing would save an annual $16.6 million, one-fifth of the commission's projected $74.1 yearly savings.

Pelosi said she and Boxer aren't fighting to save the 213-year-old post only for their San Francisco constituents' sakes. "We're in this battle for **all** American taxpayers," she said.

"Since we've begun the fight to save the Presidio, *nobody* has ever said 'You're wrong, your facts are incorrect,'" added Pelosi.

Under the base closure plan, Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army would move to Fort Carson, Colo.; additional buildings would be constructed there to accommodate the move of people and equipment.

Meanwhile, Letterman Army Medical Center's closure would send its patients to Bay Area hospitals and clinics. GAO said the medical center's closing would add $32.1 million to the nation's health care costs, mainly Medicare and CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services).

"Where do we go if LAMC closes?" seemed to be the question on most retirees' minds Saturday morning in the theater. Pelosi said she felt especially sorry for patients who use LAMC. If it closed, they would have to travel as far as 30 miles away, she said, to get health care.

Although the vast majority of the questioners said they wanted the Army to stay, there were two audience members who didn't. One man suggested the Presidio (what he called the center of an "international biosphere") should be turned into the captial of world government. Another man suggested the government should rent the Presidio land to area colleges and universities.

At the meeting's close, Pelosi and Boxer urged the audience to write to U.S. Senators Pete Wilson and Alan Cranston, both from the Bay Area, for their support in keeping the Presidio an Army installation.

"With Senators Wilson and Cranston on our side, **we will win**," Boxer said.

A retired soldier and San Francisco native said the town meeting was very encouraging. "It was a good idea to write to our senators," said Ann M. Thornton. "They [Boxer and Pelosi] hit it right on the head—if we get their support, we can win."

"It's much too early to be giving up," added Thornton. "I believe our congresswomen have given us all the information up to this point. I'm optimistic about it. 'It ain't over 'til it's over.'"



Flags fly in the breeze at the retirement ceremony. **photos by Kathy Pitts**

July ceremony salutes NCOs

The Army's 1989 theme, "The NCO," was emphasized during the post's monthly retirement ceremony July 27 on the Main Parade Field in front of Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army.

NCOs took charge of the ceremony's key roles. CSM Robert A. Whiteford, CSM for Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio, was the reviewing NCO while SFC Ronald N. Gausse was the commander of the troops.

Gausse, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion's first sergeant, led his soldiers past Whiteford during the pass in review. Meanwhile, SFC John Mason conducted the Sixth U.S. Army Band, which played the usual complement of patriotic tunes.

The pomp and circumstance was also assisted by an all-NCO corps of ushers and flag-bearers—even the narrator was a non-com.

The only commissioned officers to take part in the ceremony were the seven retiring officers and Brig. Gen. George M. Baxter, Chief of Staff for Sixth U.S. Army.



Spec. James Emery, Sixth U.S. Army Band, practices his sousaphone in preparation for an all-NCO retirement ceremony.

News Briefs

Mandatory pretransition briefing

All soldiers honorably separating (but not retiring) from the Army during August are required to attend the pretransition briefing in the NCO Club, Prince Room Aug. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend.

Topics to be discussed will include veterans' benefits, employment assistance and clearing information. These are designed to assist soldiers making the transition to civilian life.

For information, call the Military Personnel Operations, **561-2151** or **561-3297.**

Newspaper deadline

If you want your announcement published in the *Star Presidian* you have to meet deadline. All materials for publication are due in the newspaper office by the close of business Thursday and are published the following week.

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Job Opportunities

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

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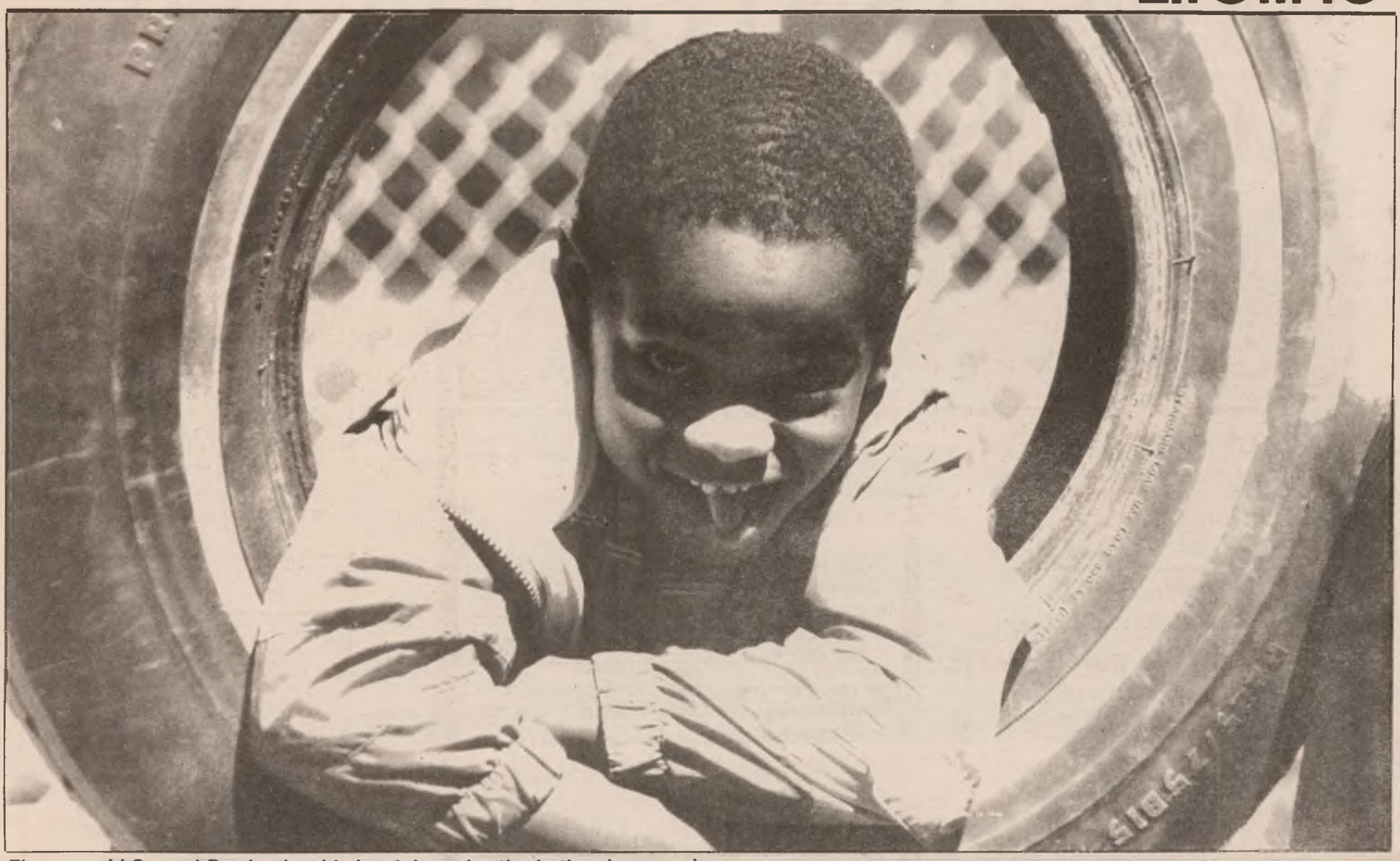
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Lifeline



Five-year-old Samuel Reed pokes his head through a tire in the playground.

Kids enjoy CDC

story and photos by Kathy Pitts

I wish I were a kid again,
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A kid again . . .

Swinging on swings, climbing through tires, playing "dolly" and dress-up . . . every day, children at the Presidio Child Development Center do the things that kids do (and Barbra Striesand wishes she still could do, in the words to an old song of hers.)

Midsummer finds them running and shrieking with laughter in the play yard outdoors or bending over lumps of clay in the Arts and Craft Shop. They may go on field trips to the zoo or a museum, or eat fun, new foods on Culture Day. Whatever it is, they get to be kids.

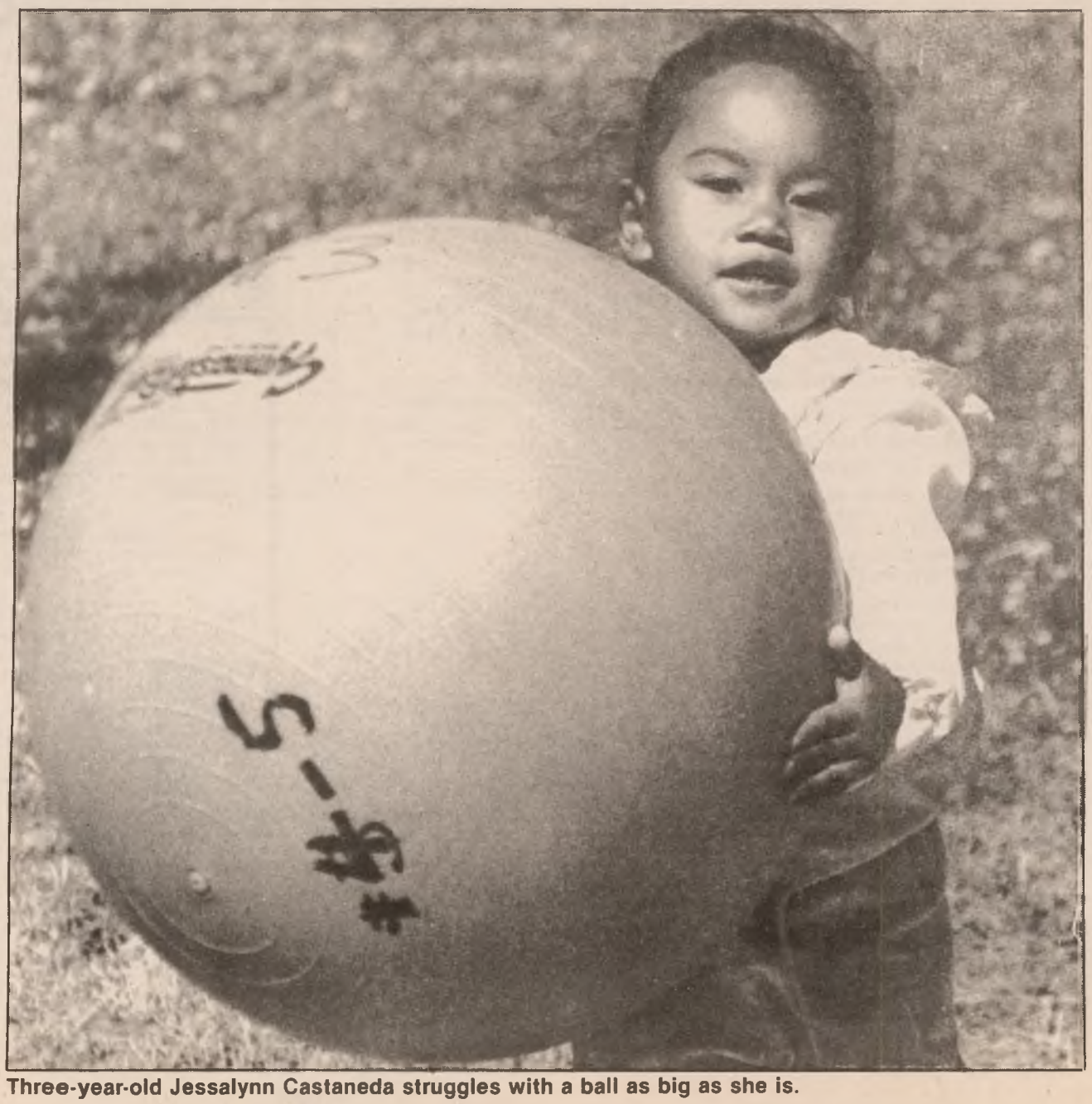
Parents, children and CDC staff members all seem to enjoy the building they've been inhabiting for a year and a half. Outgoing director, Nancy McCreery, commented, "It's always nice to go into a new building with new things in it. This space is very open, bright and inviting. We've worked hard to project a positive atmosphere that's inviting to parents and children alike."

Open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the center cares for about 250 Presidio children.

Part- and full-time day care is available and fees are determined on a sliding scale based on age and number of children, parents' income and number of hours in care. Children from six weeks to 12 years of age are welcome, with after-school care available to young students.

"Our mission is to provide quality day care so soldiers don't have to worry about their children," said McCreery.

While that might not make them feel like kids again, good, affordable day care can put a hop, skip and jump back into working parents' steps.



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News You Can Use

One phone call can save DoD millions

by Leslie Tucker

When is a "snitch" not a "snitch"?

Answer: When he or she reports fraudulent or wasteful practices which cost the government and taxpayers millions of dollars every year. That informer may help preserve jobs and precious resources by reporting fraud, waste and abuse in the workplace. And these are times when blowing the whistle saves a life or prevents injury.

With the shrinking DoD budget, every bit of fraud, waste and abuse allowed to go unchecked saps resources and affects the government's ability to do its job.

Sometimes *not* being a "snitch" can hurt a lot of people. For example, if you know someone in your unit or organization is taking shortcuts in testing or maintaining equipment, or substituting inferior materials; do you keep quiet? Or do you think about the soldiers who may *lose their lives* because of malfunctioning equipment?

In the case of life or death, the choice is easy for most people. However, fraud, waste and abuse is not always that dramatic. It may not even be as noteworthy as the famous $700 toilet seat.

The waste or abuse *you* see may be the person in your office who "borrows" government property for use at home or who habitually uses government equipment and supplies on government time for personal use. Or it may be the Presidian who uses government phones to keep in touch with friends all over the United States.

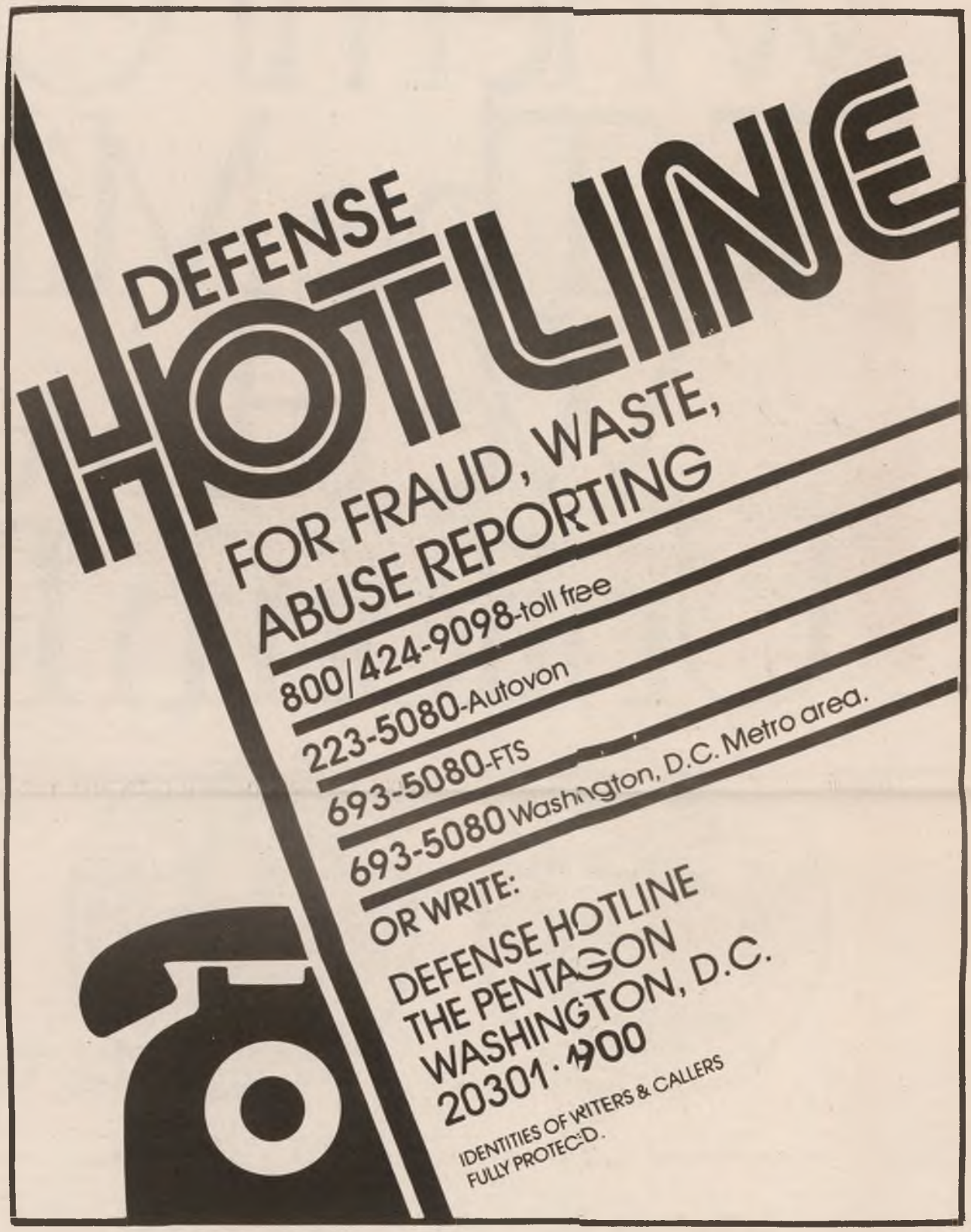
No matter how small the waste, it all adds up. Investigators estimate millions of dollars are lost every year through fraud, waste and abuse.

To help reduce this budget drain, DoD has set up a "Defense Hotline" to report fraud, waste and abuse, because they believe we, the soldiers and civilian employees, can best stop it.

The hotline allows us to follow our conscience without fear of reprisal. All calls are confidential, and those who use the hotline are protected under the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. You don't even have to give your name!

But does it really work?

Since the hotline was started in 1979, more than 75,000 calls have been made. Of those, more than 14,500 complaints have been investigated and corrective action taken where appropriate. As a result, **more than $88 million has been saved** over the past four years.



TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

Barracks larcenies

by Patrick R. Wilson, Crime Prevention Office

This summer, like most summers, the number of barracks larcenies has increased. Barracks residents are losing money, televisions, tape recorders, and other expensive items. Crime prevention clearly is needed by everyone, not only those living in quarters.

What can Presidians who live in barracks do to protect their belongings? The Presidio Crime Prevention Office suggests you follow these guidelines:

- Become familiar with the crime prevention programs;
- Find out about previous larcenies to see if you can avoid the same situation;
- Keep televisions, stereos, cameras and other valuables locked up when you're not using them;
- Be sure to engrave valuables with your driver's license number;
- Keep an inventory of valuables with serial numbers and photographs of the items on file with the first sergeant or barracks sergeant;
- Lock your door before going to bed or leaving your room;
- Never keep extra keys to your room or locker in "hidden places"—thieves usually know where to look;
- Lock your doors *and* windows—many residents have lost valuables by locking their doors then forgetting to secure the windows;
- When leaving your room, be sure all valuables are locked up;
- Have your paycheck sent directly to your bank;
- Do not carry large amounts of cash with you or leave money in your room—use the company safe to store cash and other valuables temporarily;
- Never mention or show anyone how much money you carry with you;
- Use the buddy system to keep an eye on your barracks room when you leave, especially when on temporary duty elsewhere;
- Park your car in a well-lit area that is periodically patrolled by MPs; and
- Report all crimes to the Military Police and your company. Also report anything which later may become a problem. Examples of this are: people loitering in secluded areas; suspicious people or vehicles in housing or parking areas; people displaying weapons; broken or open windows in closed offices; and unusual or loud noises and fights.

To report problems or suspicious activities, call the MP desk sergeant at **561-2251** or **561-2252**. For information about what you can do to protect yourself and your belongings, call Sgt. Patrick R. Wilson at **561-4326** or the Crime Line at **561-CRIM** and leave a message.

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Sports & Health

'A-salt' by spice: Americans done in by sodium

by Barbara McCarty

Please don't pass the salt. . . not yet anyway.

Do you reach for the salt automatically? Do you add a liberal number of sprinkles before you even taste the food? Do you really know what the food tastes like?

Why should you be asking yourself these questions? Avoiding too much sodium is one of the seven dietary guidelines for Americans. The guidelines are general recommendations for people in the United States and are aimed at improving our health and decreasing the risk of certain conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and cancer.

Sodium is a mineral which is involved in fluid balance in our body, and in regulating blood pressure. High blood pressure is a concern because it increases the chance of having a heart attack—currently the number one killer in our country. It can also damage the small blood vessels, especially in the eye and kidneys.

It is estimated that one in every four American adults have high blood pressure. Once discovered, *high* blood pressure can be treated by your physician with diet, drugs, or both. However, since we cannot predict who will develop high blood pressure, it's a good idea for everyone to make sure their sodium intake is moderate.

Sodium is found naturally in many foods. Salt is a combination of sodium and another mineral, chloride. Foods that are especially high in salt included cured, smoked and canned meats—ham, lunch meats, canned tuna, etc.—and many convenience foods. This includes frozen dinners, canned soups and vegetables, and snacks such as potato chips.

You can make a good start at a moderate sodium intake by not using the salt shaker at the table. Try seasoning your food with other herbs and spices that do not have salt as an ingredient. You can buy sodium-free herbal spice mixes at the Presidio commissary or any grocery store, or you might try making your own.

Here's a simple recipe for a start: 1 tsp. onion powder, 1 tsp. paprika, 1 tsp. dry mustard, 1 tsp. garlic powder and ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper (optional).

Don't think of this as getting rid of an old favorite, instead you can look forward to trying new tastes.

You can improve how you feel and look if you will "Eat What's Right." If you would like more information on nutrition, visit Jan McBride, the "walk-in nutritionist," on the second floor lobby at Letterman Army Medical Center.

***Editor's note:** McCarty is a division nutritionist at Fort Polk, La. Her article is reprinted from the* HSC Mercury.



Sports Notes

Golf tourney

The deadline is 4:15 p.m. today to enter the post Sport Branch's annual Golf Tourney, held tomorrow at 8 a.m. on the Presidio Army Golf Course. All active duty soldiers, DA civilians, and family members (20 and older) assigned or attached to post are invited to enter the event.

Each golfer must pay a $3 entry fee, plus green and golf cart fees. Awards will be presented to the top two low gross and low net scores in each division: men's open (39 and younger), and senior; women's open (29 years and younger), and senior; and Calloway, open.

Visit Gym No. 1, or call Bobbie Gascon or Charles Hurd at **561-4131** or **561-5032** for more information.

Tennis tournament

The deadline to enter to enter the Post Tennis Tournament is Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. The tournament is set for Aug. 18 through 27 on the eight post tennis courts. A $5 entry fee must be paid by each participant.

The tourney is open to all active duty, Department of the Army civilians (age 19 and older), retirees living within 50 miles of post; and family members.

There is a mandatory meeting for all players Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Gym No. 1, building 63. The event has six divisions: open (39 years old and younger); senior (40 years old and older); women's (open only); men's doubles: women's doubles; and mixed doubles.

Call **561-5032** for more information, or visit Gym No. 1.

Pentathlon

Looking for competition and challenge? Join Healdsburg's "River of No Return" pentathlon Aug. 13. There will be a half-mile swim, 10-mile canoe portion, one-third mile portage, nine-mile run and 20-mile bike race. For information, call Maj. John Costigan at **561-4048**.

Bowling

Sign-ups begi now for the winter bowling leagues a the Presidio Bowling Center, whichstart in September. Leagues are limited to 12 teams; so sign up early and secure a position for yourself and your team.

Blood drive

The next blood drive will be Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Aug. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For an appointment, call the Family Support Division at **561-3701** or **561-5730**. This month, blood screening will include a free cholesterol test.

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Community Calendar

ITT news

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Youth dance

Come to the Youth Activities Back to School Dance Aug.11 at the YA Center, building 1331. Each ID card holder may bring one guest. Teens must attend a 6 p.m. meeting to discuss sexual abuse prevention immediately before the dance. A parental permission slip is required.

Parents are invited to attend a 6 p.m. information meeting Monday at Youth Activities.

Computer club

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Presidio User's Group will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in building 667. Everyone is welcome to come. Call **561-4560** for information.

Summer movies

The Community Life Program mayors are sponsoring a series of summer movies for children ages 6 and older each Monday in August at 10 a.m. in the post theater. Admission is $1. Bus service will be provided for most housing areas.

Monday's movie is *Karate Kid* (PG).

For more information call your mayor, or the Community Life office at **561-5057**.

Fort Mason theater

Bring your kids to an all-new improvisational audience participation show, called "Trunk Tales," at the Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, Saturday at 1 p.m.

Young Performers Theatre takes the audience's fantasies and creates a show, using costumes and props from a "magical trunk." Cost is $5, for the show at building C at the center. For more information, call **346-5550.**

Word processing class

Have you completed a course in WordPerfect? Or do you work with the program, but want to know more about mail merge, mailing labels, headers and footers, text columns and sorts, graphics and desktop publishing? The Education Center's Advanced WordPerfect workshop covering these topics and more will meet Aug. 14 through 30, Mondays and Wednesdays form 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Learn dBase III+ by enrolling in a workshop. The class is held Thursdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m., Aug. 15 through Sept. 7. To enter, you must have already completed an introductory microcomputer course or have equivalent experience.

For information, call the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, at **561-2974** or **561-4445**, or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014, at **561-3692** or **561-4791.**



photo by Steve Morey

Hooked

At the Presidio Army Ball Saturday, Sgt. Robert C. Darnell attaches the Vietnam and Grenada campaign streamers to the U.S Army flag. Darnell, an NCO Academy instructor at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin, Calif., was one of several NCOs who topped the Army flag with its 168 battle streamers at the NCO Club.

POWC

All members of the club are cordially invited to a coffee welcoming Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, the new Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco commander.

The coffee will be Aug. 15 at the home of Sue Graham at 1337 Pope Street, on post, at 10 a.m. If anyone has any questions, call Pam Hughes at **771-6746.** No reservations are necessary.

USO closed

The post USO office will be closed the first two weeks in August. For USO assistance, call Bill Morgan at the Treasure Island Naval Station at **391-1657.**

NCO essay contest

Promoting that old adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword," Headquarters Forces Command announced the 1989 Army Theme "The NCO" Essay Contest. The contest runs from now to Oct. 31.

"This gives FORSCOM corporals through sergeants major the opportunity to tell 'it' in their own words," said Robert F. Beach, FORSCOM Command Sergeant Major. "In keeping with the spirit of the Army Theme, FORSCOM NCOs will be able to tell their stories and have them published in a collection based on experiences involving Army NCOs."

The NCO stories must have leadership, caring, training or maintaining as their focus, and be based on actual observations or experiences. No fictional accounts will be considered.

Four winners in each category from the active, Guard and Reserve NCOs will receive $500 U.S. Savings Bonds and Army Achievement Medals. These 12 winners and 12 runners-up, will have their stories published in FORSCOM's Army Theme book, *The NCO: In Their Own Words.* The winners will be honored by Beach at a ceremony and reception Dec. 15 at FORSCOM headquarters.

Essays will be evaluated on six criteria: audience appropriateness, factuality, readability, style and mechanics.

Submit your entries to **DCSPER, PR-H-Human Resources, building 39, Attn: SFC Laurence Jared or Lt. Col. Roselle Weinfield.**

Letters of instruction have been distributed throughout the Presidio. If your sergeant major or ICOIC doesn't have one, call Jared or Weinfield at **561-2343** or **561-1148** for more details.

Thrift Shop news

The next Thrift Shop opening and Flea Market will be Saturday. The shop is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Flea Market starts at 7:30 a.m. Bring a table, valid military ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an extra charge for additional space.

Volunteers are needed to help with consignment. The Thrift Shop pays bridge tolls and child care. Call **922-3384** for information.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Aug. 3: No Hold Barred (PG-13), 7 p.m. Hulk Hogan, Kurt Fuller. A good guy wrestler faces the deadly Zeus while a race against the clock goes on to find his kidnapped girlfriend.

Fri, Aug. 4: (Matinee) The Karate Kid (PG), 1 p.m.

Fri, Aug. 4: No Holds Barred (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, Aug. 5: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (R), 7 p.m. Richard Pryor, Gene Wilder. Comedy concerning a newsstand proprietor who, along with his blind assistant, become mistakenly implicated in a murder.

Sun, Aug. 6: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Aug. 7: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Aug. 8: Rain Main (R), 7 p.m. Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise. During a cross-country trip, a man attemps to trick his autistic older brother out of the $3 million that he inherited from their father.

Wed, Aug. 9: Listen to Me (PG-13), 7 p.m. Kirk Cameron, Jami Gertz. Follows a diverse group of students in a college debating team, climaxing at a national showdown.

Thu, Aug. 10: Great Balls of Fire (PG-13), 7 p.m. Dennis Quaid, Winona Ryder. Dennis Quaid plays the hard-living, hard-rocking music legend, Jerry Lee Lewis.

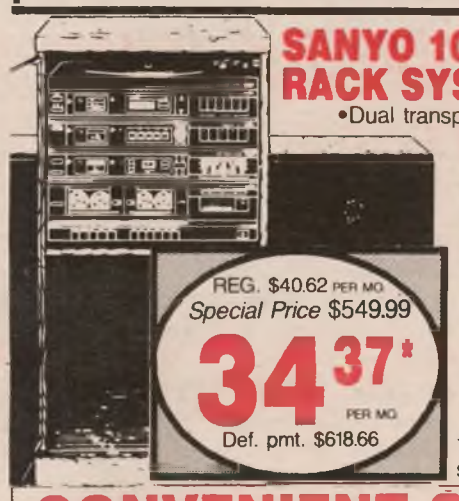
Hamilton Theater

Fri, Aug. 4: Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Aug. 5: Space Camp (PG)	**1 p.m.**
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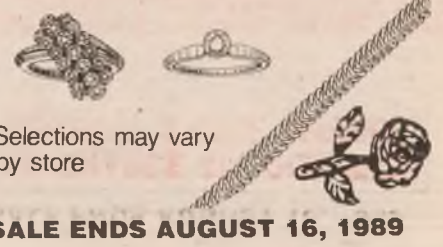


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Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison grasps the Sixth U.S. Army colors.



A Sixth U.S. Army Band tuba player reflects on a noteworthy ceremony.



Ceremonial Platoon, USAG, salutes the generals with 75mm Pack-Howitzers.

Sixth Army colors pass to Harrison

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

When Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison took command of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio Aug. 3, "readiness" seemed everyone's watchword.

"Excellence in combat is his primary goal," Forces Command commander Gen. Colin L. Powell told more than 700 soldiers and 300 civilians present at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony on the Main Parade Ground.

"I returned to the Presidio to welcome a great officer," Powell said of Harrison, a combat veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

"He has served in virtually every type of infantry unit in the world."

Reflecting on Harrison's Army career, which has spanned more than 30 years, Powell said, "His professionalism and personal excellence have always insured that troops are ready."

The new post commander stepped forward and confirmed the belief. In a short address to the crowd, Harrison said Sixth U.S. Army "will deploy with the best of our ability—and I can assure you they well be able... ."

At Letterman Army Medical Center, earlier in the day, a dentist who said he knew Harrison when the infantryman was commander of Fort Ord, Calif, said the general's readiness program begins at home.

"God, he was in good shape," the major was overheard to say. "If he doesn't die in the middle of some marathon, he'll probably live to be 100."

Before the ceremony, Harrison told the *Star Presidian* he would "ensure the soldiers in Sixth U.S. Army are trained and ready to go to war should they be called.

"There are many challenges in my new role," Harrison continued, "but this is the paramount challenge of any soldier."

Again stressing readiness, Harrison said the most important qualities an NCO can possess are "technical and tactical competence. There are many other qualities, but without this, the others won't matter."

After introducing Harrison at the wind-swept parade ground, Powell said Harrison's wife, Jo, also would be an asset to soldiers and their families here.

"Jo has made an enormous contribution as a volunteer in the community," Powell explained. "I know there will be no relaxation of that concern at the Presidio.

"When it comes to helping military families," continued Powell, "Jo doesn't know how to relax."

Of Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army's newest, and 30th commander, Powell concluded, "Your soldiers know when you are needed; you will be there and you will be ready."

Voices

Summer's last days sliding quickly by

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Summer days are not long for this world. Well, at least *this* year's summer days.

No matter how much we hope and cajole the goddess of the seasons, summer days slide by all too quickly. Already it's nearly mid-August and Labor Day soon will be here to signal the start of fall.

So what's a summer-loving soul to do? Well, I don't know about you, but I have great plans to celebrate these last 25 days of summer. I have a list of fun-to-do things on my calendar and I intend to cross off every one of them before I flip to the September page.

First on my list; Santa Cruz. There's something about a town on the ocean to remind me what summer in northern California is all about. Namely fog, wind and the mid-day if-you're-lucky sun. Of course working on the Presidio gives me a more than healthy helping of fog, but Santa Cruz fog is special. The fog there smells like hot dogs and taffy from the boardwalk, and the street bands give you a feeling of being in a real-life horror movie. If ever I see Norman Bates roaming around Santa Cruz, I'll know to clear out and stay north where I belong.



Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk; the last frontier for summer. *Star Presidian* file photo

After my Santa Cruz trek I plan on doing a bit of exploring the capital area. Sacramento is a much maligned and misunderstood city. Yes, it's definitely cow-town USA; but where else in the extended Bay Area can you find almost 40 percent of the resident population able to afford a house? That place is a downright anachronism. And hey, I like cow-towns.

After my traveling days are spent, I have a bit of Bay Area exploring left to do. I never did get to the Exploratorium this summer. I figure my 9-month old daughter, Holly may be a budding scientist—and how will I know if I don't give her the opportunity to take a hands-on (or mouth-on as the case may be) approach.

I still plan to get to the San Francisco Zoo to see the special programs the staff—along with help from the animals—have lined up for their 60th anniversary this summer. I'm partial to the polar bears myself, but I figure Holly will prefer the lions. She has a real knack for making surprise attacks on our three cats.

Then there's Point Pinole. If you ignore the new jail construction, this seashore park by Richmond's Hilltop Mall s really ideal for family fun. There are plenty of barbecues, scenic vistas and fishing. And for the truly lazy (I admit it, that includes me more often than I care to admit), you can take a shuttle bus for 50 cents and bypass the two-mile walk to the pier.

In fact, there are hundreds of small regional park areas throughout the Bay Area. Pick up a few friends and grab a map. The next few weeks should be a lot of fun.

Ramblin' Sam

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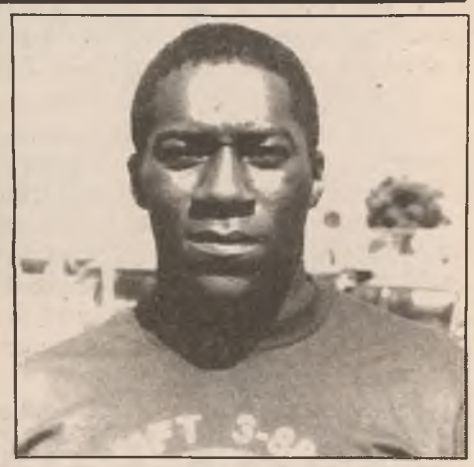
Spec. S.J. Meriwether, dental technician, Alameda Area Dental Lab: "A man at a construction site in Germany [in 1986] was backed over by a truck and crushed. I gave him mouth-to-mouth [resuscitation] and CPR, but he was gone."



Pvt.2 Alan H. Morales, parachute rigger, Air Delivery Section: "I took someone's C.Q. [change of quarters]—no money involved—so he could go home for his brother's birthday. I felt good because he got to see his brother and have a great weekend."



Gini A. Aasen, military family member: "When I was 18, in Rapid City, South Dakota, I saw a car backing into the street with no driver. It was a runaway. There were two children inside. I pulled my car over and jumped in and put on the brake. Then I took those kids inside the store [where the car was parked], looking for the mother."



Sgt. Gary Gainey, construction engineer, Charlie Company, 44th Engineers Battalion, Korea: "I was a squad leader and one of my soldiers was in financial trouble. This being a high-cost area, he couldn't afford to bring his wife out. As a squad leader, if you can't help a troop out, you take him to people who can. I took him to Army Emergency Relief and they made him an interest-free loan."

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Presidio

Next chapter still to come

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Understanding the base closure issue is a little like reading a mystery novel. You know there will be an exciting conclusion, but until you get there, the path is fraught with uncertainty, wrong turns and perhaps a mistake or two.

Last week, Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer decided to wait before introducing an amendment to the base closure legislation. Their amendment would propose saving the Presidio. They say they are waiting until the final General Accounting Office report—due out in November—to get the facts and figures to determine the cost effectiveness of closing the post.

"You cannot avoid the fact that it doesn't save money; it costs the taxpayers money," Pelosi told members of the House July 31.

In the meantime, what are Presidians to do while waiting for the GAO report and the Congressional amendment to be introduced? "Relax!" say the members of the Civilian Personnel Division Support Group.



This organization was formed in May of this year to help CPD employees deal with the stress and tension of everyday living. Its purpose, say organizers Teresa Aguilar, Francisco N. DaCosta, Martin Nowinski and Isabelle Tirath is to offer people a chance to get together and share experiences.

"Initially, a prayer group had been meeting once a week during lunch break and it was at one of these meetings that we decided to have a support group to negate some of the adverse affects resulting from base closure," says DaCosta.

That idea was expanded somewhat, and now the Tuesday group meets to discuss all kinds of stress-producing problems. Topics of recent discussions include assertiveness training, relaxation techniques, and goal realization. Aguilar surveyed all CPD and Garrison Public Affairs employees (who share the building 37 workspace with CPD and have been invited to participate) and came up with a list of topics for future meetings.

According to Nowinski and Aguilar, they will be including more physical activities. For example, last week Garrison Public Affairs Officer Bob Mahoney led a three mile group walk along Crissy Field. Mahoney says he plans to lead a similar walk once a week.

"We're looking for a balance," says Nowinski, "A balance between work and growth. And ideally there should be a balance between the mental, physical and spiritual."

Resources

The all-volunteer group sets up their meetings from resources available on post. Members have donated their spare time to find guest speakers who will lead discussions at no charge. They also have spent time researching what self-help video tapes are on file with the Training Support Center. Other members have bought tapes and books and established a small lending library. According to Nowinski all topics are intended to be positive, uplifting and productive.

"We call this a CPD Support Group, but it's a self improvement workshop. We're learning and growing. We listen to other people, what they're going through. Everybody is a facilitator, there are no experts here," says Aguilar.

According to CPD members, the benefits of coming together weekly have been tremendous.

"We have a unique sense of nurturing and bonding as a result of the support group," says DaCosta. "We think of each other as family and so we look out for each other.

"Again and again we realize the stress factors resulting from the possible closure are common to all. We are not alone because we all have the same feelings."

Says Nowinski, "This has been a good beginning for people to come together. We have learned to help ourselves."

What next

Nowinski, Aguilar and DaCosta encourage other directorates to form their own support groups. They invite interested people to call them at **561-5724** or **561-2336**, or attend a Tuesday meeting.

While Presidians may be anxiously awaiting the next installment of the "base closure saga," it's comforting to know there are people on post who can offer advice on what to do while the next chapter is being written.

News Briefs

Organization Day

Headquarters Command Battalion's Organization Day will be Aug. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of Fort Scott building 1206. Scheduled events include horse rides for children, a guidon relay, dunk tank, volleyball game, frisbee football, a cook-out and more. Family members are invited to join the soldiers in celebrating the sixth annual organization day.

Library hours change

The post library will have a new schedule through Sept 1. The hours are: Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed Sundays and Mondays. Regular hours will resume Sept. 5.

Mandatory pretransition briefing

All soldiers honorably separating (but not retiring) from the Army during August are required to attend the pretransition briefing in the Audio/Visual Center, building 603, Aug. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend.

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

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Researchers strive to lessen war casualties

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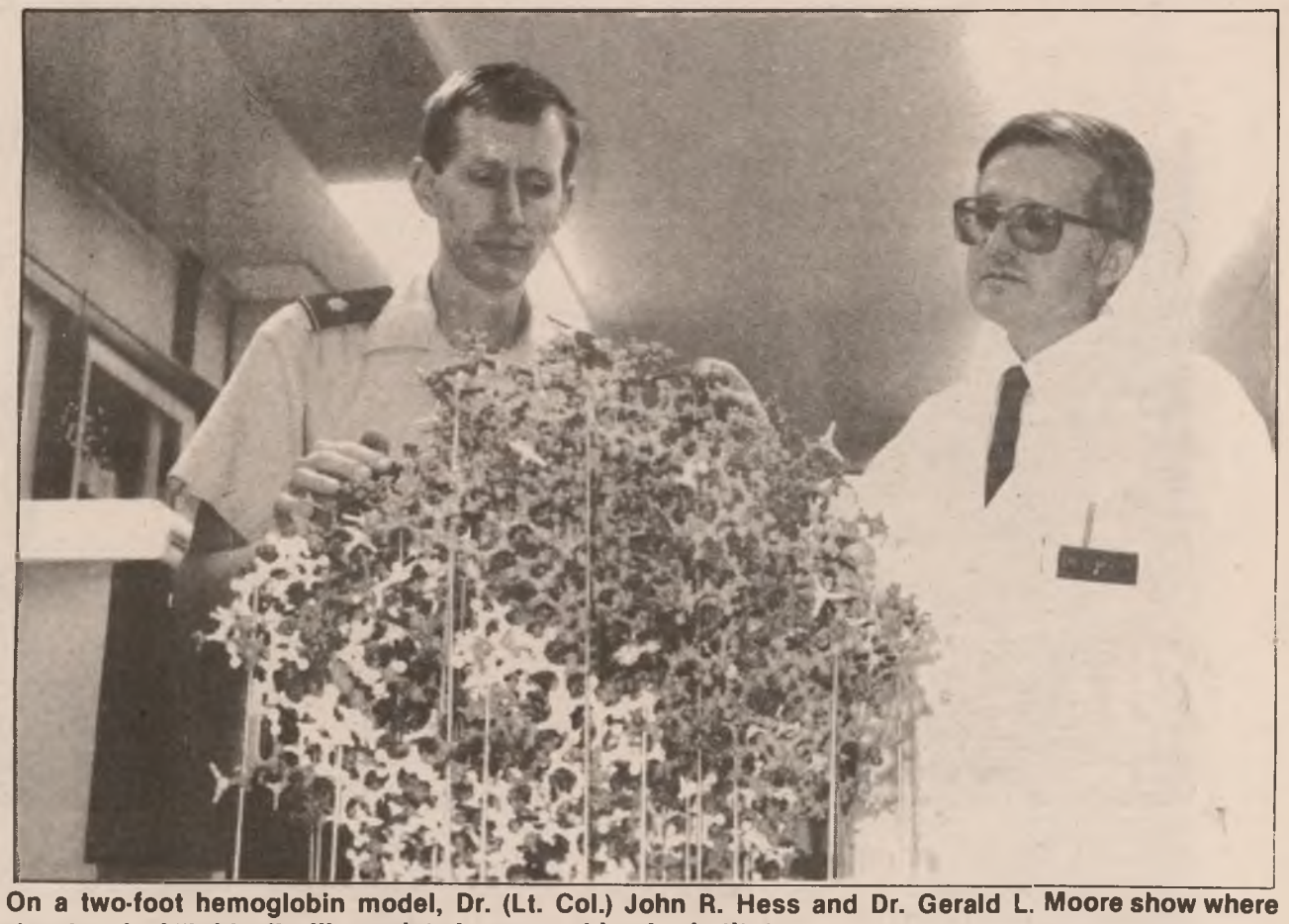
According to a Letterman Army Institute of Research scientist on post, 10 to 12 percent of soldiers who died during the Vietnam conflict bled to death in the field before they could be moved to a MASH unit for treatment. Of those who made it alive to a mobile army surgical hospital, 98 percent survived.

"It's critical to the U.S. Army's care of battlefield casualties to move blood products as close to the front as possible," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) John R. Hess, chief of LAIR's Blood Research Division.

The 30-member research team is currently working on two new developments: an artificial red blood cell substitute and improving the technology of freezing and thawing blood. Hess said the current research is part of LAIR's and the Army's tradition to make blood products for both military and civilian use.

It was a LAIR biochemist's discovery of a blood preservative more than a decade ago which put the Army in the nation's forefront of blood research. The blood additive is now used by 95 percent of the nation's blood banks.

Dr. Gerald L. Moore, a biochemist and Red Cell Group leader within the division, heads a 4-member team at LAIR currently working on improving the freeze-and-thaw technology.



On a two-foot hemoglobin model, Dr. (Lt. Col.) John R. Hess and Dr. Gerald L. Moore show where the chemical "bridge" will attach to become a blood substitute.

"All of our research here at LAIR can be applied to the civilian sector as well," explained Moore. During the 11970s, he said, it was apparent to the nation that the supply of blood was not meeting the demand. *A major problem was that* blood banks threw away about 15 to 25 percent of their whole blood stock as it became outdated.

Additionally, the Army needed a longer shelf life to keep blood fresh for the trek to Europe and Asia for stockpiling. In the mid-1970s, Moore's group received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to test their preservative, called "CPDA-1." Moore said the additive, which extended the shelf life of blood from 21 to 35 days, contains all natural ingredients such as glucose (sugar) and sodium phosphate (a salt).

CPDA-1 helped blood banks reduce their expired blood to four to five percent and gave blood bank staffs "inventory control," said Moore—more time to plan how to use each unit of blood.

In 1978 LAIR's research team received FDA approval for a new formula. Since then, said Moore, a civilian research team has developed a 42-day preservative.

"The preservatives have saved about $100 million a year in lost blood," said Moore. "We're duly proud."

"The Army developed a blood preservative which the civilian community has benefited from as well," said Busch. "It's allowed us to appropriately manage a larger blood supply over a longer period of time, especially for the outlying areas of San Francisco."

According to Hess, the development of a blood substitute and improving the technology to freeze blood are only two to five years from becoming reality.

"The Army has always needed longer-lasting blood products than the civilian sector," Hess said, "and they've committed the resources to develop those products.

"The most important place for a blood substitute is on a battlefield for the treatment of injured soldiers. A blood substitute would **not** have to be cross-matched [match the soldier's blood with the donor's blood]. It's also virus-free, concentrated, lightweight and quite fast to use."

A hemoglobin substitute would have similar properties to natural hemoglobin, the red protein in blood cells that carries oxygen to all parts of the body. Hess explained a medic could use the substitute to treat wounded troops in the field until they could be moved to a MASH.

He cautioned that the proposed hemoglobin substitute won't be *perfect*. "We don't know how to and could never make an absolutely identical human hemoglobin substitute. But for people who are dying due to lack of blood, this may keep them alive until they get to a hospital."

Hess added civilian hospitals could use the substitute during transfusions for accident victims, open heart surgery on children with congenital heart disease and some blood transfusions for adults.

How about 'freeze-dried' blood; or making blood substitutes by genetic engineering...

Commented Busch, "The idea is certainly valid if the substitute is viable. Best of all worlds, it would put us [blood banks] out of business."

As far as freezing blood, Moore said the concept began about 15 years ago. The Army has advocated freezing blood to get mass quantities of blood as close as possible to the battle zones. Moore called this "prepositioning blood."

"We can freeze blood for up to 20 years," explained Moore. An antifreeze solution is added before the blood is stored at minus 80 degrees Centigrade (minus 112 degrees Fahrenheit). "But the technology to thaw and wash the blood is clunky and expensive, and then the blood must be used within 24 hours."

Now, LAIR's researchers add a preservative after they wash the blood, which adds three more weeks of refrigerator storage time. Moore said the new thaw-and-wash process is faster, cheaper and uses less manpower, and should get FDA approval about 1991.

Moore said civilians could use the freezing process to stockpile their own blood for elective surgery.

However, Busch said blood banks such as Irwin Memorial are opposed to storing blood. "Today, 90 percent of red blood cells are transfused within a short period of time so the theory of extended shelf life is actually outdated [in the civilian sector].

"In general, the elective surgery process doesn't require freezing blood because the preservative keeps blood viable for 42 days," explained Busch. "A person who's set to have surgery in six weeks could donate blood once a week for five or six weeks. That's five or six pints of that person's own blood to be used for surgery."

What does the future hold for blood research? How about "freeze-dried" blood; or making blood substitutes by genetic engineering in large vats? "That's where the research will go someday," said Moore.

Whatever the implications of blood preservatives and substitutes, and freezing blood, LAIR remains one of the nation's leading blood research facilities.

Hess summed it up this way: "In the long run, the research we do saves money, utilizes resources much better—and saves lives. The ability to do all those things is what drives us."



Surfers await a wave off the Fort Point seawall. Thousands visit the 117-year-old garrison each year.



Volunteers reenact a Civil War troop inspection.

Classic, fabulous Fort

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Three tiers of open, stone arches, whose dark enclaves once housed artillery guns and a prison, now host thousands of visitors each year at Fort Point.

When the brick three-story fortress opened its iron-bound doors this July, it already had welcomed 107,453 tourists.

Why is the old garrison, which rests at the mouth of the Bay, and sits resolutely beneath the Golden Gate Bridge, so popular?

"Because it's exicting to touch history," said Marilyn A. Kukis, who visited the fort Aug. 2 with her daughter.

"To know there were soldiers in the Civil War era who stood where I'm standing!"

Ed Green, a museum technician at the Presidio Army Museum, described it as a "great place for tourists. You have the sea right at the Golden Gate, Fort Point, which is rich historically. And you can look right up at the [Golden Gate] bridge.

"It's a fabulous place."

According to the National Sites and Buildings, the fort, "stands today as a classic exan tification of the mid-ninete greatest to be erected on the v America, and one of the bes Unted States."

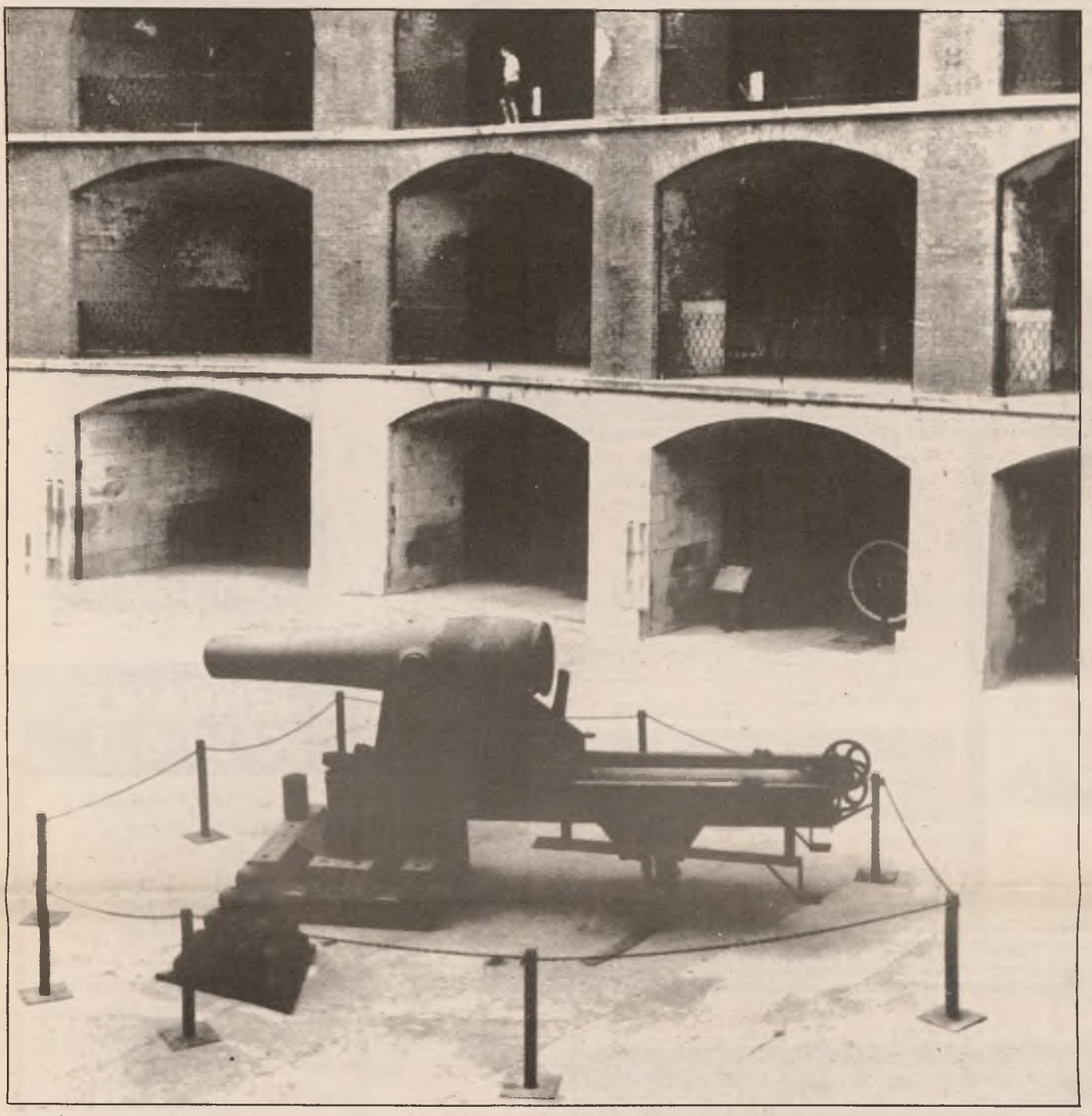
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"I wanted to show her h wanted her to see the surf, to feel the history."

The fort is open from 10 a. Call 556-1693 for information.

Places To Go



A 10-inch Rodman cannon rests in the fort's vast courtyard. Forty were installed in 1868.

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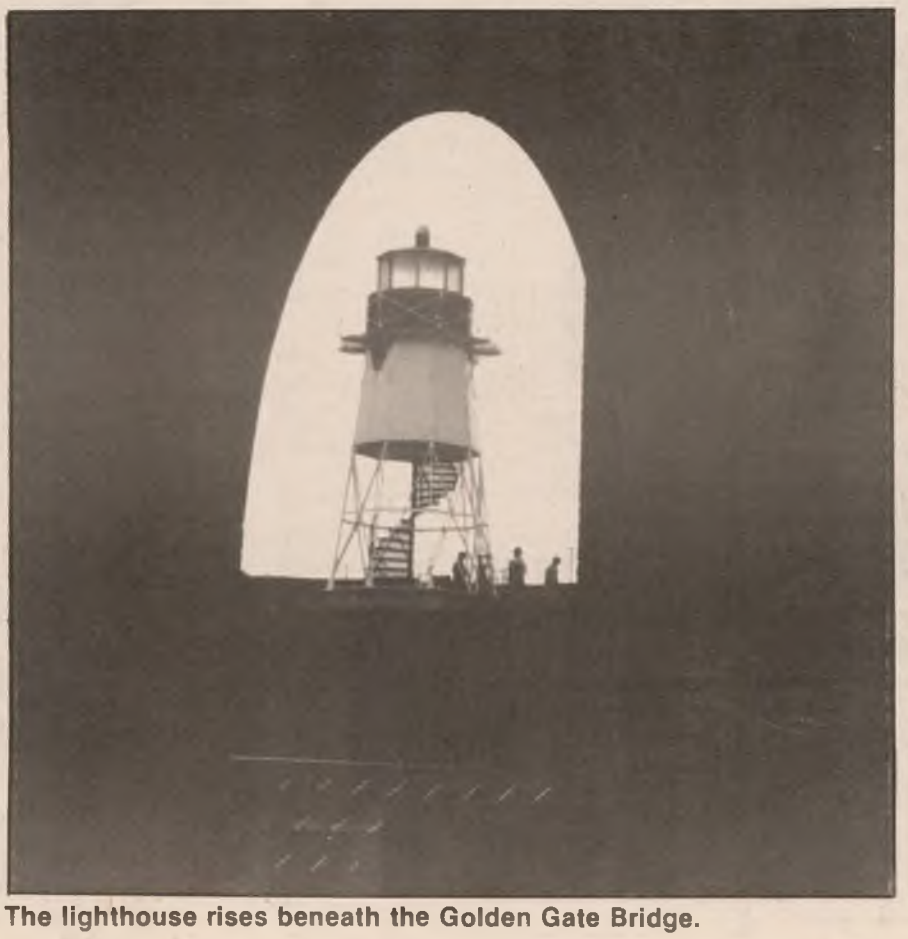
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Sports & Health

Physical training: wake up, smell sweat

story and photos by Steve Morey

At 0600 hours, the fog and clouds typically hide the sunrise over San Francisco's skyline. Soldiers from Headquarters Company, USAG, form up in front of building 1206, their eyes and bodies sagging, limbs sore from another weekend's fun.

It's time for Monday morning PT.

SFC Mazie Brewington, USAG's first sergeant, takes roll call, then releases the troops for physical training. About half the formation heads to Gym No. 3 at Fort Scott. It's time to wake up and smell the sweat.

"I like to do PT in the morning, rather than later in the day, because it's cooler now," says Spec. Christine Salgado as she sits on an exercise mat, stretching her calf and thigh muscles.

"**It wakes you** up, gets your motor started."

Gym No. 3 houses two racquetball courts, a sauna, free weights, sit up benches and two dozen Nautilus machines. The soldiers move from machine to machine, bench to bench, flexing and stretching their muscles.

The PT session continues. Spec. Sharon Williams misses a shot during a racquetball game and falls against a wall, laughing.

"I usually play racquetball and lift weights to strengthen my upper body," Williams says after the court contest. "I wouldn't come to the gym by myself, plus it's a good way to work out with the other soldiers."

Meanwhile, the slap of a racquetball against a wall again echoes through the cavernous gym. Spec. Michael Bostwick swings and scrapes his way for a point.

Racquetball is one of the top five sports for overall physical fitness," says the dripping wet Bostwick during a break in the action. "It takes all muscles of the body, like swimming and running."

"**Racquetball keeps** me in good shape and well within Army standards of good fitness." Bostwick says he normally averages 280 out of 300 on his Annual Physical Fitness Test.

Cpl. Cornelius Humphries relaxes after his morning workout on the racquetball court. "I usually work on my push-ups and sit-ups to tone my upper body and abdominal muscles. Running's not a problem. I've been running since I got in the Army. I've got it down pat," Humphries says with a laugh.

If a USAG soldier doesn't feel satisfied with the Monday platoon workout, the Presidio hills are calling. On Wednesdays, the company completes a two to four mile run; two days later, the troop gathers for aerobics, push-up and sit-up improvement, or volleyball.

Just think, gang, Monday's only three days after Friday.



Spec. Sherry Carson tones up.



Spec. Thomas Dear presses his way to fitness.

Sports Commentary

by John Costigan

The Cable Car Race took place July 30, in San Francisco. The hilly race is actually two races in one: a five-mile traditional race and a sprint up California Street against the cable car.

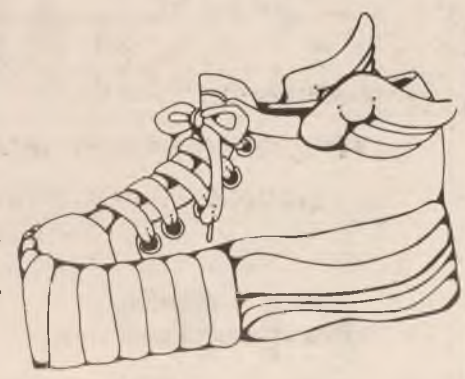
The race started at Aquatic Park and continued down a two and one-half mile flat course through the Embarcadero to the base of California Street.

As the lead runner approached the cable car parked at the base of California, it continued up the hill at a rate of 9 miles per hour. This year three runners beat the cable car and were awarded a miniature cable car for their achievement.

I was awarded the satisfaction of seeing the cable car chase with the naked eye; last year I needed binoculars I was so far behind!

After "climbing" up California Street to Nob Hill, the race made a large U-turn and quickly proceeded up Russian Hill on Hyde Street. After Russian Hill, the race was all downhill to the finish line at Aquatic Park. The last one-half mile was definitely fast.

As races go, this was a classic San Francisco race (about 1,000 participants). Mark it on your calender for next year: a July extravaganza!



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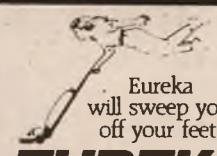


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Community Calendar

Youth dance

Come to the Youth Activities Back to School Dance tomorrow at the YA Center, building 1331. Each ID card holder may bring one guest. Teens must attend a 6 p.m. meeting to discuss sexual abuse prevention immediately before the dance. A parental permission slip is required.

Blood drive

The next blood drive will be Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Aug. 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For an appointment, call the Family Support Division at **561-3701** or **561-5730.** This month, blood screening will include a free cholesterol test.

Nutrition study

Are you interested in earning $70 and receiving three days of free meals? If you are 15 to 18 years old, 24 to 25 years old or 60 to 75 years old, the Department of Agriculture wants you!

Volunteers will be part of a new study which measures nutrition in a new way. To be eligible, you must be able to eat breakfast and dinner at their center for three weekdays.

If you are interested, call **556-1249** and ask for Department 10. New volunteers are needed each week between August and November.

Child observation class

Share your child's first school experience and learn how to be a better parent. Tuition free child observation classes for parents and children (ages 15 months to kindergarten), will begin Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, in building 563. This program offers a nursery school environment with activities for children, and discussion for the parents. Class meets Tuesday and/or Thursday morning during the school year.

This class is presented by the Parent Education Program of the San Francisco Community College Center. For more information, call **561-1921** and ask about the Presidio Child Observation. Registration will be at class.

USO closed

The post USO office will be closed the first two weeks in August. For USO assistance, call Bill Morgan at the Treasure Island Naval Station at **391-1657.**



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Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure

In the mood for silliness and fun; catch Wednesday's movie at the post theater.

Summer movies

The Community Life Program mayors are sponsoring summer movies for children ages 6 and older each Monday morning in August at 10 a.m. at the post theater. Admission is $1. But service will be provided for most housing areas.

This Monday's movie is *Annie* (PG), a musical.

For information call your mayor, or the Community Life office at **561-5057.**

POWC

All members of the club are cordially invited to a coffee welcoming Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, the new Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco commander.

The coffee will be Tuesday at the home of Sue Graham at 1337 Pope Street, on post, at 10 a.m. If anyone has any questions, call Pam Hughes at **771-6746.** No reservations are necessary.

Education Center

Accent Improvement for soldiers. Is English your second language? Do people often ask you to repeat what you have said, or do they seem to have a hard time understanding your words? The Education Center, offers a free class Aug. 21 through Sept. 29, Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m.

If you're leaving the Army, consider taking a free workshop on **Resume and Interview Preparation.** The Education Center will help you get ready to land a civilian job. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m., Aug. 22 through Sept. 14 at the Fort Scott Education Center.

Military Correspondence. Learn to prepare memos and letters correctly. This free hand-on workshop meets Aug. 22 through Oct. 20, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Typing. Learn to type, using the keyboard of an IBM personal computer. The class meets Aug. 22 through Oct. 20, on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Friday, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Both beginners and those who want to increase speed and accuracy may enroll.

To enroll in any of these classes, call the Fort Scott Education Center at **561-2974** or the LAMC Education Center at **561-3692.**

Craft fair

The **Pacific States Craft Fair** will be held at Fort Mason tomorrow through Sunday. It will feature the work of more than 350 artists.

Designs in leather, wood, ceramics, jewelry, glass and metal will be shown at the fair, the largest juried exhibition on the West Coast, according to the center.

The Friday exhibition is 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday's show is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday's performance is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $5 for the show, at the Herbst and Festival Pavilions, Piers 2 and 3.

Children younger than 12 are admitted free.

For information, call **869-5060.**

Teen leaded glass class

Express yourself in glass! Teens will learn to design and construct their very own stained glass piece Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sharon Art Building in Golden Gate Park. A fee of $25 covers all supplies needed to create a window.

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The Sharon Art Building, a facility of the S.F. Recreation and Park Department, is located on Bowling Green Drive between King and Kennedy Drive in the Park.

ITT news

Come sail under the Golden Gate and Bay bridges; past Alcatraz and Treasure islands, on an elegant dinner dance cruise. A special Presidio night three-hour cruise will be Aug. 23. A full course meal and live entertainment will be available. Save $10 on the cost by paying $39 a person. Come in to ITT, building 25 for *all* the details.

Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus tickets will be available Friday at ITT at $1.50 off the original $11.50 price. The performance is Sept. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Cow Palace.

See the Winnipeg Jets vs. Pitts Penguins at the Oakland Colesium. ITT has tickets for $17.5. Only prepayments are being accepted for this special event so reserve your tickets soon.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Aug. 10: Great Balls of Fire (PG-13), 7 p.m. Dennis Quaid, Winona Ryder. Dennis Quaid plays the hard-living, hard-rocking music legend, Jerry Lee Lewis.

Fri, Aug. 11: Great Balls of Fire (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, Aug. 12: Star Trek V; The Final Frontier: (PG), 7 p.m. William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy. A Vulcan in exile stages a kidnapping on a distant planet to lure the Enterprise into his grasp so he can search for a 'supreme being.'

Sun, Aug. 13: Star Trek V; The Final Frontier (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Aug. 14: Star Trek V; The Final Frontier (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Aug. 15: How I Got Into College (PG-13), 7 p.m. Anthony Edwards, Rick Moranis. This twisted campus comedy shows some of the more bizarre aspects of getting into college.

Wed, Aug. 16: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG), 7 p.m. Keanu Reves, George Carlin. A totally awesome adventure as two radically cool high school dudes discover a time machine on the eve of their history final.

Thu, Aug. 17: Loverboy (PG-13), 7 p.m. Kirstie Alley, Patrick Dempsey. A pizza delivery boy learns a valuable lesson in short-term relationships from bored and neglected housewives.

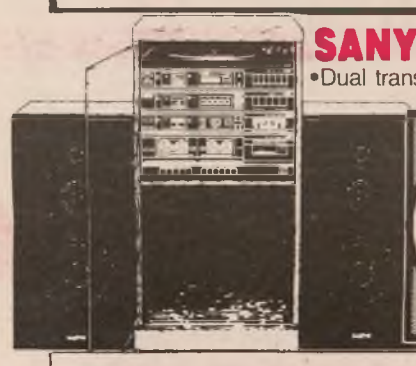
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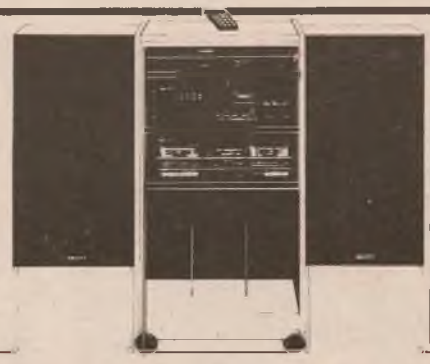
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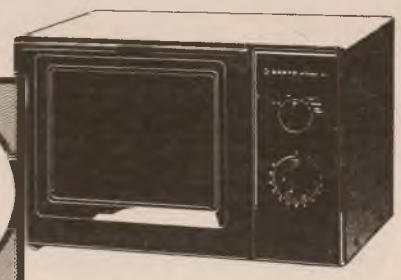
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News Briefs

Annual Presidio 10 Run

The annual "Presidio 10" Run, coordinated by the Guardsmen, will be held this Sunday. Beginning and ending on Graham Street, this 10-mile event is a yearly fixture on the local running scene. Included in the categories for awards will be a military division, as well as awards for different age groups.

The race will begin at 9 a.m., with pre-race registration available on the Parade Field in front of Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters. There will be some delay to traffic on Lincoln Boulevard at the startt of the event. However, all steps are being takeen to minimize disruption during the remainder oof the morning.

Earthquake ıreport

Following last week's late-night earthquake, the Main Post Exchange closed from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 8. PX employees had to spend some time cleaning up merchandise shaken from shelves and displays. Since many of the ceiling tiles had fallen, workers needed to replace and reinforce them. Store Manager Mike Stafford says the repairs have been made and the PX is as safe as before the earthquake. In fact, according to Stafford, the PX may even be safer now.

Mandatory pretransition briefing

All soldiers honorably separating (but not retiring) from the Army during August are required to attend the pretransition briefing in the Audio/Visual Center, building 603, Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend.

For information, call the Military Personnel Operations, 561-2151 or 561-3297.

Women's Equality Day

Celebrate Women's Equality Day, Aug. 30, at a luncheon in the NCO Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speakers and entertainment highlight the program which pays tribute to the passage of the 19th Constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote. For information, call the Federal Women's Program Manager, Ann Williams at 561-2022 or 561-2035.

Full-length photos

Starting Sept. 1, the Training Support Center is changing the days photographers shoot full length photos. The new days and hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Harrison greets Presidians



14 August 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers, Family Members and Civilian Employees at the Presidio of San Francisco, California

1. First, I would like to thank the soldiers who participated in the Change of Command Ceremony, 3 August 1989. Your performance, along with that of the Sixth Army Band and Color Guard was very professional and very much appreciated. I realize that the preparation for ceremonies such as this takes time and effort and detract from primary duties. Both Mrs. Harrison and I appreciate your professionalism and welcome to Sixth Army and the Presidio of San Francisco.

2. Secondly, I would like to reiterate to all that our primary mission remains that of training soldiers to go to war. In addition, we also have the responsibility to take care of our people, military, family members and civilian employees. And, of course, all of you know that the law now requires us to plan for the closing of the Presidio. I pledge to each of you my very best efforts each and every day to support you as we accomplish these very important missions for our Army and our Nation. It is my goal that we accomplish these missions to the very best of our ability.

3. Mrs. Harrison and I are very happy to join you. We look forward to working with you and in sharing each great day to be in the Army and associated with the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

William H. Harrison

WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, USA
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Voices



Formations key to soldier life

by Steve Morey

Formations. A key to U.S. Army discipline, readiness and organization. A soldier is aware of a formation's importance after he double times to his first Basic Training muster, only to be "dropped" for being 10 seconds late.

There's no excuse for being late for, or worse, missing a formation—especially if you're an NCO. There can be reasons, but no excuses.

"Lead by example," the NCO Creed cries out. How can an NCO lead when he's not there? What goes through his soldiers' minds? If he's not there, he's not doing his job.

Physical Training formations are only one example of a U.S. Army formation. Although soldiers are dressed in gray-colored uniforms, it's still a required formation. Missing a PT formation is bad for an NCO's mind and his body as well.

What's more invigorating than a romp over Presidio hills with your fellow soldiers? PT improves a soldier's discipline and health. All this adds up to a soldier who cares about his uniform, his unit, the United States Army and his country.

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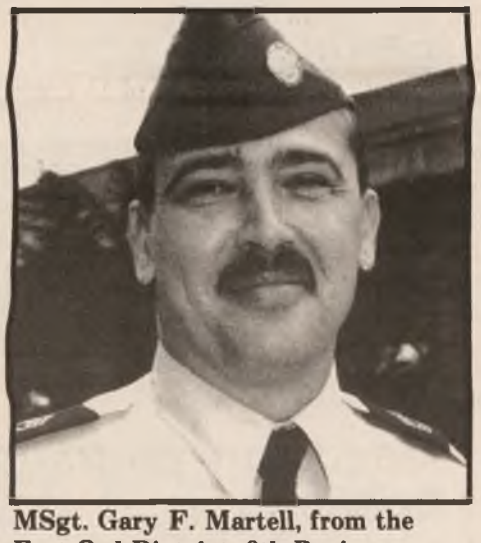
Christie E. Peterson, recreation aide, Information, Tour and Travel: "At home. I want to be where I was for the last one, asleep in my water bed. It rolls back and forth.



Warren E. Smiley, barber at the main post Exchange Barber Shop: "On the Presidio because it has lower buildings. I think it'd be safer here. I just moved into a six-story building and it really rocks during a quake."



1st Lt. Liana L. Bratland, chief of Personnel Automations Section, SIDPERS: "In Honolulu, Hawaii. I have all my family there. I just want to sit on the beach and watch the Tsunami [Japanese for tidal wave] come and wash us away."



MSgt. Gary F. Martell, from the Fort Ord District, 6th Region, USACIDC, Fort Ord, Calif., visiting the main post Exchange: "I'm from Fort Ord. Anywhere but there [laughing]. That's one of the places where it's going to fall into the ocean."

Worth Repeating

"It is better to be on hand with ten men than to be absent with ten thousand."

—Tamerlane (1336-1405),
Central Asian conqueror

"The art of writing is the art of applying the seat of the pants to the seat of the chair."

—Mary Heaton Vorse,
American author

"When you have got a thing where you want it, it is a good thing to leave it where it is."

—Sir Winston Churchill,
British prime minister

"Lots of times you have to pretend to join a parade in which you're not interested in order to get where you're going."

—Christopher Morley,
author

"The essence of strategy is, with a weaker army, always to have more force at the crucial point than the enemy."

—Napoleon Bonaparte,
French emperor

"No one can figure out your worth but you."

—Pearl Bailey,
singer

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TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

**by Patrick R. Wilson,
Crime Prevention Office**

Around this time each year the Provost Marshal Office takes a look at the post crime statistics. This is done so we may see where we stand in our fight against crime. The following comparison, when used properly, can be a great asset to the Presidio.

	1988	1989
Murder	1	0
Robbery	9	1
Assault	57	34
Auto theft	9	10
Arson	6	0
Burglary	7	4
Larceny of items worth more than $50	158	88
Larceny of items worth less than $50	72	27

One way *you* can help stop crime is to report all crimes to the Military Police at **561-2251** or **561-2253**. If you know of a crime that already has been committed and it is not an emergency, call the Presidio Crime Line at **561-CRIM**. You may leave a one-minute message. Please give as much information as possible about the crime. You may remain anonymous if you wish. If one minute is not long enough, just call back and continue your message.

The following is a recap of 15 days of criminal activity on the Presidio and its subposts:

July 26, 2:35 p.m.: Unknown person(s) removed two drill rotary hammers, two drill attachments, two drill bit sets and two 5/8 inch drill bits. The total value is estimated at $807. The items were left unsecured in building 280.

July 26, 10:30 p.m.: While driving her car, a soldier was struck in the face by a passenger during an argument. The soldier was treated for a laceration on her nose and the passenger was charged with assault.

July 27, 11:35 p.m.: A military family member was stopped after he failed to yield the right of way at the intersection of Montgomery and Lincoln. The driver was found to be intoxicated. He was apprehended and charged with driving under the influence.



July 29, 2 a.m.: A Presidio soldier was apprehended by the Marin County Sheriff's Office after he was found to be driving while intoxicated. The soldier was on probation for the same offense.

July 29, 3:35 a.m.: A soldier was apprehended and charged with assault after he struck his wife during an argument at their quarters.

July 29, 1:42 p.m.: Unknown person(s) removed a wallet containing $51 and various paperwork—including a military ID card—from an unsecured wall locker at LAMC.

Aug. 2, 8 p.m.: While making a routine traffic stop, the Military Police found the driver had a warrant for his arrest. Additional charges included: altered license plate, wrongful display of license plate and license not in possession of driver.

Aug. 3, 11 a.m.: Two unsecured bicycles were removed by person(s) unknown from a Presidio soldier's quarters.

Aug. 3, 9:40 p.m.: A Presidio soldier reported a suspicious person on the fifth floor of LAMC. Upon investigation the MPs located the man. During the routine name check, the man was found to have a warrant for his arrest issued by the San Francisco Police Department.

Aug. 4, 1:17 p.m.: Person(s) unknown by unknown means entered a soldier's quarters and removed a red suitcase with private belongings.

Aug. 5, 3:10 a.m.: A woman was apprehended after MPs made a routine traffic stop and found her to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and driving on a suspended license. She also was charged with possession of a controlled substance after a vial of cocaine was found during a search of her car.

:Aug. 8, 7:50 a.m.: Person(s) unknown removed a gold chain, wallet and checkbook that had been left unsecured in building 1030.

Presidio hosts youth revival

by the Fort Scott Gospel Service

The Fort Scott Gospel Service is presenting a youth revival for the Presidio community at the Fort Scott Chapel Aug. 20 and Aug. 23 through 25.

The theme for the Second Annual Youth and Young Adult Revival is "Serving the Lord while you're young." The revival begins Sunday at 1 p.m. It will continue Wednesday for three nights at 7 p.m.

The Fort Scott Chapel is located near the old Post Bowling Center on Lincoln Boulevard and Storey Avenue.

True to its theme, the revival will begin with the Rev. Andrew R. Lacey. Lacey, 14, is from the St. Andrews Baptist Church in Oakland, Calif.

"We're blessed to be able to bring four of God's chosen young men, ranging in age from 14 to 31, to speak to our youth," said the Rev. Wayne B. Richardson, lay minister at the Gospel Service.

"Each night will feature a dynamic evangelical preacher. Collectively, these ministers have spoken often at youth/young adult revivals and other special religious commitments."

Richardson said the Gospel Service's goal is to reach out to restless, troubled youth and young adults on the Presidio and challenge the negative influence of peer pressure.

To that end the Gospel Service is inviting the Presidio community, and young and young adults in particular, to its Youth and Young Adult revival.

"We are sending a special invitation to those who are lost, who are in need of a church away from home where they can worship and praise God, and to those who just want their souls revived to come out to the revival and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ," Richardson said.

"And bring a friend."

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at 561-5732 or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

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Places To Go

Dinosaurs brought to life in city park

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Presidians have been given a chance to rub elbows with some truly giant fellows.

From now through Sept. 10, visitors to Golden Gate Park's California Academy of Sciences, can see for themselves what the Earth may have been like more than 70 million years ago. Thanks to some innovative Japanese technology, 11 dinosaurs have literally been brought to life. This unusual exhibit, DinoFest '89, features automated dinos of every shape and size; from hatchlings to the tyrant lizard himself, the *Tyranosaurus.*

"Wow," said one young enthusiast, Aug. 9. "Did they *really* look like this?"

Good question.

The answer, according to information provided by David Shaw with the Academy's Public Information Office, is yes! New evidence has brought to light some interesting changes in how scientists think about dinosaurs. They have found evidence that suggests these giants were warmblooded, social creatures who tended their young. And other discoveries have led to a new understanding about how some of the dinosaurs may have looked.

The *Apatosaurus,* or "deceptive lizard" for years was called the *Brontosaurus* and the skeleton had been pieced together with the wrong skull. It took scientists more than a century to discover the true skull and the model on display in DinoFest may puzzle some older dinosaur fans who aren't up on the latest news.

The exhibit showcases five dino species who move, hiss and roar with crowd-pleasing results, if the audience Aug. 9 is any indication.

In addition to the animated dinosaurs, the exhibit includes two life-size large dinosaur skeletons and a trio of small meat-eating dinosaurs—*Deinonychus*—who seem to be running towards you! A video describes Academy geologists at work in the field uncovering bones in Montana.

To visit the California Academy of Sciences, you can take the number 44 bus from Geary Street and 6th Avenue. Admission is $4 for adults, $2 for seniors (age 65 and older) and youths between 12 and 17, $1 for children 6 to 11 and free for children 5 and younger. The Academy is open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (through Labor Day, after that the museum closes at 5 p.m.). You can get in free the first Wednesday of each month. Until Labor Day you also can get in free each night from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Use your bus transfer to get a dollar discount off the admission price.



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Children tread over the Academy's *Stegosaurus* exhibit.

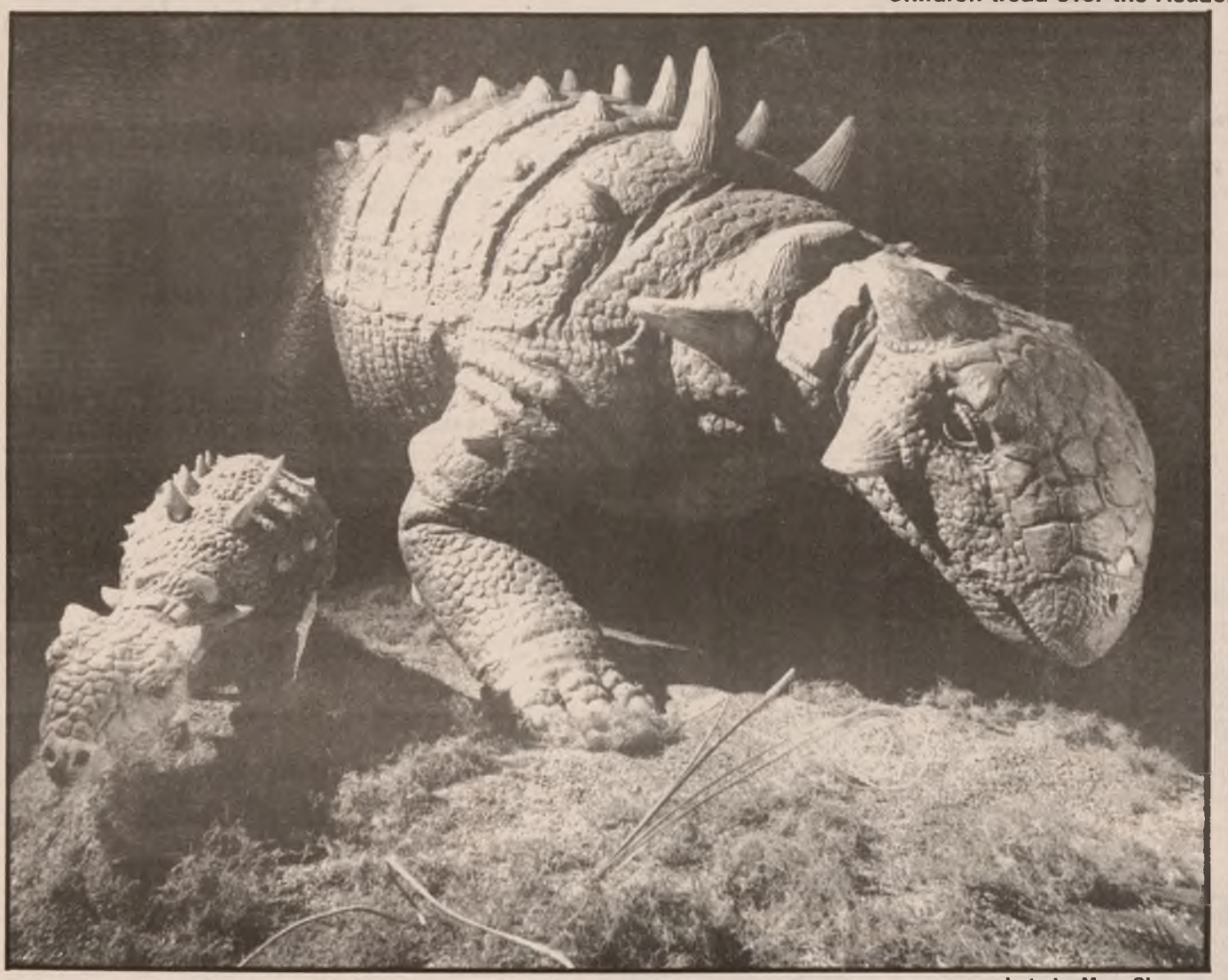


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Nearly 65 million years ago the *Ankylosaurus* wandered the earth, feeding on plants.



photo by Caroline Kopp

A *Maiasaura* mother tends to her nest of eggs.

PCS demands planning, cool heads

by Steve Morey

You've heard it since you were in grade school. "Don't be afraid to ask questions," or "No question is dumb. It's only dumb when you *don't* ask it."

As a soldier, you've heard it since Basic Training. "Listen up, recruit!" yells the drill sergeant. "Any questions about how to disassemble and reassemble an M16A1 rifle?"

Now you've come upon your first permanent change of station move. What do you do now?

"From the time you're notified of your new assignment to the minute you physically PCS and leave post, ask questions!" stresses MSgt. Steven D. Broadway, NCOIC of Strength Management for the post's Military Personnel Division.

"We're here to provide a service for the soldiers. Without the troops, we wouldn't be here," explains Broadway. "But, we can't read their minds."

Planning—with Broadway's staff and the soldier's family—and cool heads, says Broadway, will nearly assure a smooth PCS move.

PCS in's and out's

According to the Military Personnel Division chief, too many soldiers assume they know all the in's and out's of PCSing. What they don't realize, says Maj. Arnold C. Davis, is that regulations such as shipping weight allowances and passport requirements, change.

"Then we have those soldiers who try to beat the system," continues Davis with a shake of his head. "Our biggest problem is when soldiers ask for concurrent travel," which means the soldier's spouse and children can accompany the soldier during the PCS.

Only five percent of the soldiers, adds Broadway, who ask for concurrent travel are given it. He says on- or off-post housing, especially for an overseas PCS, isn't available the second a soldier arrives at his or her new post.

"The best thing to do is request deferred travel, find suitable housing and then send for the family," says Broadway. For overseas moves, soldiers also should **request** command sponsorship—where the receiving installation pays for the family members' move.

"Usually, but not always, command sponsorship is granted," reminds Broadway. "It depends on many things, especially where the soldier is heading."

Says Davis, "Too many soldiers wait until the last second, find out their concurrent travel request was rejected by PERSCOM [U.S. Army Personnel Command] and then they hit a crisis point."

Overseas sponsor

Overseas bound soldiers **with dependents** should keep in contact with their overseas sponsor (a fellow soldier and his family assigned to welcome the new soldier). The sponsor sends a letter and information packet to the PCSing soldier about the receiving post. Broadway says he encourages soldiers to keep in close contact with their sponsor, by mail or phone, mainly about housing availability.

In addition, soldiers should be aware of the household goods and luggage weight allowances (see "Weight Allowances"). *Not all soldiers are permitted the same weight of household goods.*

Three classes of personal property shipment are authorized. Household goods (pots and pans, clothes, rugs, small appliances) and non-temporary storage goods (furniture, washer and dryer, large appliances) must not exceed the weight limits. Unaccompanied baggage (luggage, uniforms, field equipment) weight limitation is determined by pay grade.

PCSing post soldiers can call the Transportation Office's Personnel Movements Section at **561-2968** for more information about shipping household goods.





Passport a must

Family members heading overseas with the soldier are required to have passports. Broadway says post soldiers can apply for a no-fee passport in building 87, which takes two to eight weeks to process (see "Passport Procedures").

'Common sense, again, tells you to make appointments early in the PCS process," Broadway says. **"Don't wait until the last minute to apply."** He says to visit the passport section in building 87, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; or call D.J. Link or Cpl. Anthony Leach at **561-4556** for more information.

Once the soldier's at the new post, he or she can find out what's needed: should his or her spouse have the washer and dryer shipped? Will they need curtains for their apartment or government quarters? Are the summers warm enough to require their air conditioner?

Broadway says the soldier also should visit the installation's Army Community Services, the Child Development Center (to register their children) and other soldier-oriented Army services.

Since each soldier's situation is different, Davis says PCSing soldiers with specific questions should call his staff at **561-4556**. "Each soldier should read his orders very carefully to assure everything is correct, including weight allowances and whether he has concurrent or deferred travel," adds Davis.

One of his personnel reassignments clerks adds this advice: "Be on time for your appointment." Spec. Pedro Gomez says he'll try to give soldiers his best advice about the PCS move; but late-arriving or no-show soldiers make it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to offer that information.

'Especially for soldiers who are going to Germany, I've been there," Gomez says. "I know the way of life over there. I might be able to tell then something which will save them time or money once they get there."

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ery U.S. citizen needs a passport; en PCSing with orders, only the ers need a no-fee passport.

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Broadway said Presidio soldiers or an appointment—and **not** wait minute to apply. Passport applica- ake from two weeks to two months re sent to another government

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pplicant needs a *certified* birth cer- a raised seal), an old passport or papers. These documents, which ed to you, must be turned in with ion.



3. All family members 13 and older must present their military identification card. Children under 13 are not required to be present to apply for a passport.

4. As of Jan. 1, social security numbers are required on applications for children 5 years and older.

Source: Post Military Personnel Division

Checklist reminders

A good move depends largely on how much you get involved and how well you prepare for it. Presidians making PCS moves can follow this checklist to ease moving headaches:

- Set an early appointment with the transportation office for a thorough counseling on rights, privileges, entitlements and moving or storage requirements.
- Go through the house from attic to basement, including the garage. By throwing away unneeded items, you can reduce shipping weight.
- Send out garments, rugs, carpets, draperies and similar items for cleaning.
- Arrange to ship pets, plants and perishables or take them along. The mover will not ship them.
- Fill out and mail change of address notices. Notify the post office of your new address.
- Close out local charge accounts, utilities and other services.
- Collect all documents that might be needed at the next duty station, including medical, dental, school, birth, marriage and other important records.



- Keep PCS orders, ticket reservations, traveler's checks, passports and checkbooks separate from other documents. Packers have been known to pack these items, and it could be costly for the carrier to find them.
- Get valuables and cash from safety deposit boxes. Valuables should be carried along with personal records. Keep them separate from household goods so they won't be packed.
- On moving day, plan to be present during all phases of the move

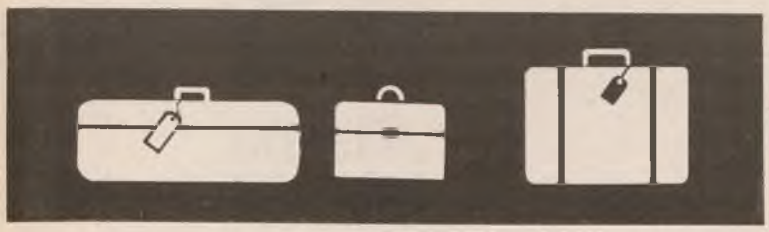
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Weight allowances

Household goods weight allowance as of April, 1989

	Weight allowance (in pounds)	
	With dependents	Without dependents
General, General of the Army, Lieutenant General, Major General, Brigadier General, and Colonel	18,000	18,000
Lieutenant Colonel	17,500	16,000
Major and CW4	17,000	14,000
Captain and CW3	14,500	13,000
First Lieutenant and CW2	13,500	12,500
Second Lieutenant and CW1	12,000	10,000
E-9	14,500	12,000
E-8	13,500	11,000
E-7	12,500	10,500
E-6	11,000	8,000
E-5	9,000	7,000
E-4 (more than two years of service)	8,000	7,000
E-4 (less than two years)	7,000	3,500
E-3	5,000	2,000
E-2	5,000	1,500
E-1	5,000	1,500

Source: Post Military Personnel Division



A 'typical' overseas PCS move

by Steve Morey

A male sergeant from Headquarters Company, USAG, with a wife and two children might take the following steps when PCSing to Germany:

1. The sergeant receives word on a Monday from the Military Personnel Division his name is on the Enlisted Distribution and Assignment System (EDAS). He calls Headquarters Command Battalion for his initial PCS briefing.

2. Later that day, he sets up an appointment with the MPD staff for an overseas briefing, held each Tuesday at 9 a.m. in building 87. Accompanied by his wife, the couple watches a short film on the do's and don'ts of PCSing. A clerk then briefs them on what they are entitled to during the PCS move. Information about the soldier and his family are included on the orders.

3. The soldier then calls the post Transportation Office and Port Call about shipping procedures for household goods and the family car.

4. Later that week the soldier calls his MOS branch to see if he is slated to attend any Army schools enroute to the new assignment.

5. Within a month his family members apply for a no-fee passport at the post ID section. The soldier ensures each family member is enrolled in DEERS (Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System). He then heads to Germany.

6. The sergeant is met in Germany by his overseas sponsor at the Military Air Command airport. Once on the new post, he immediately calls the Housing Referral Office for placement on the military housing waiting list. The soldier kept in touch with his sponsor; he already knows the housing situation.

7. The soldier checks out the Army Community Services programs, including the Loan Closet service which provides a temporary free loan of household goods such as pots and pans.

8. Once housing is arranged in Germany, the soldier contacts his wife, while the overseas housing office contacts the Presidio Transportation Office (see 'Checklist"). She supervises the movers and arranges flights for her and the children.

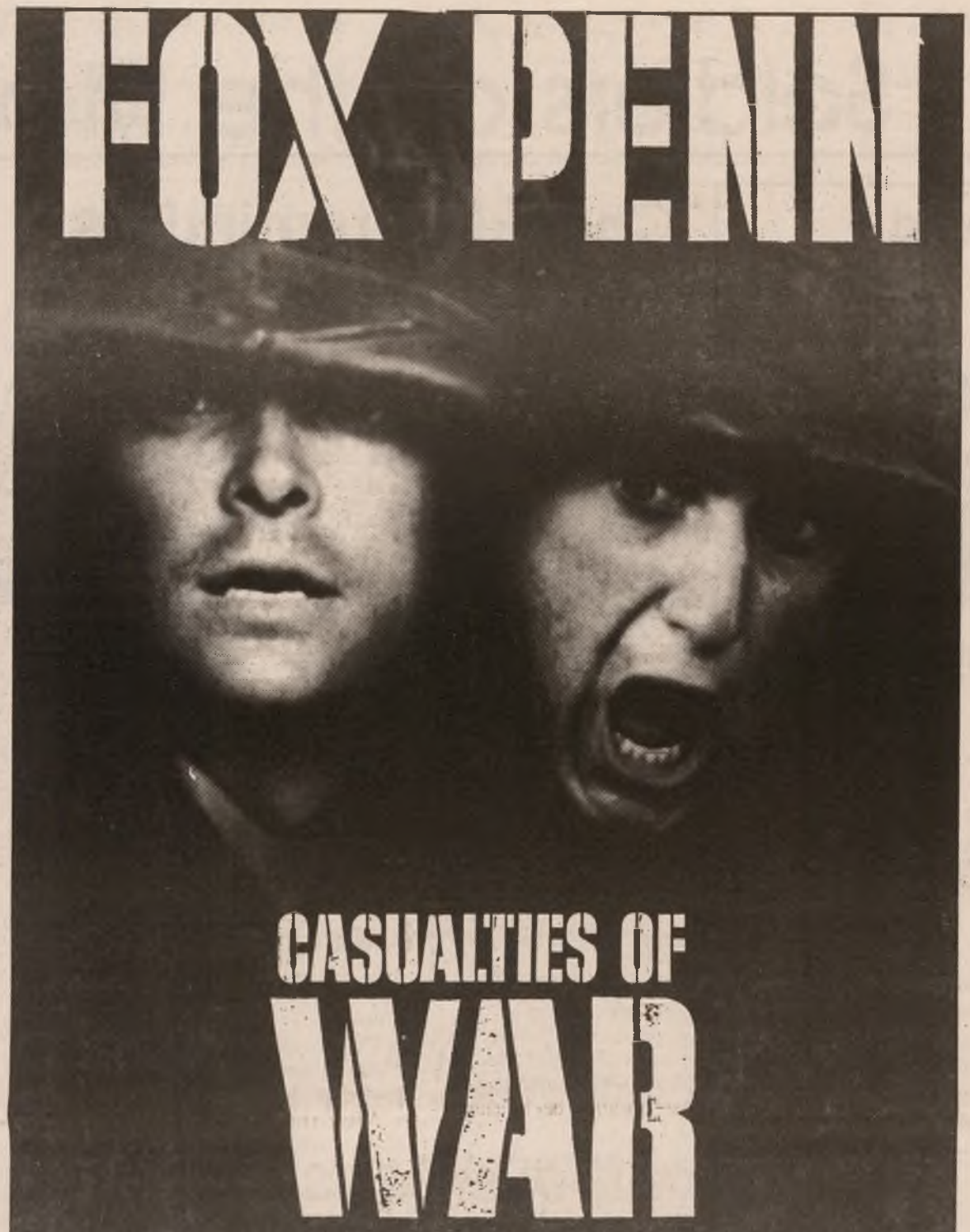
9. The sergeant and family are reunited overseas to finish his three-year tour of duty.



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Sports

Co. A takes Co. B, 1989 post softball title



MVP James Fox slides safely into third base as Co. B's Alex Flores awaits the throw.

story and photos by Steve Morey

Co. A, LAMC scored 10 runs in the first two innings with screaming shots and heads-up baserunning to beat Co. B, LAMC, 20-6, for the 1989 post Intramural Softball Championship at Fort Scott Aug. 10.

Co. A's shortstop and leadoff batter, Steve Gradwohl, scored four runs, and four teammates scored three runs, including playoff most valuable player, James Fox.

Going into the final game, the teams were 2-2 in 1989 head-to-head competition, including Bravo's 12-11 win over Alpha in the semifinals. The loss sent Co. A into the losers' bracket, where they beat DOL-FIN for another shot at Co. B. The regular season champions then had to defeat Bravo twice for the playoff championship.

Co. B, in the driver's seat, awaited the all-LAMC confrontation. Donald Pierce, Co. A's coach, said, "I don't think this has ever happened in the history of the Presidio where both LAMCs are in the championship game. It's usually between Sixth Army and Co. A, LAMC."

Indeed, it seems each year's championship pits the two perennial powerhouses against each other. Last year, Sixth Army beat Co. A.

In the first Co. A vs. Co. B game Aug. 10, the champs used Frank Armenta's pitching and a stingy defense to beat Co. B, 6-3. Six different "A Bombers" scored in the game as they exploded for four fifth-inning runs and a 6-1 lead. Co. B chipped in a few throw-the-ball-before-looking errors, and the teams headed into the final game.

Scoring frenzy

Picking up where they left off, Co. A jumped all over Bravo in the opening inning of the final game. Their first six batters scored before any were out. Batting cleanup, Fox smacked the first of his three hits for the game and eventually scored on Bill Stahl's single.

Co. B answered with three first-inning runs, sending eight men to the plate; but Alpha shot back with four more in the second.

"We wanted to come out and score as many runs as we could to shake 'em up," said a beaming Fox as he held his MVP and individual championship trophies.

"We knew we had to win it all—and we did! The key was our hitting. Everybody was swinging on the first pitch and connecting."

On defense, Fox's rifle arm and quickness helped keep Co. B runners from taking an extra base. The left-center fielder roamed his territory, tracking each ball like radar and hitting the cutoff man or the bag with pinpoint accuracy.

Armenta, usually Co. A's starting shortstop, turned pitcher for the final two games after a shaky performance by Glen Sparks in earlier playoff action.

"Against [DOL-FIN], they put me in [as pitcher] after the third inning and we didn't allow any more runs from then on," said Armenta. "After the game, we all sat down and talked about having me pitch the championship game. We thought we'd try it. If it worked out, we'd stick with it."

Doubled up

The pitcher used his quickness in the second inning to stop a bases-loaded Bravo rally. Decius Aaron hit a liner to Armenta's left side, which he snabbed in the air falling backward.

"It happened so quick I almost didn't have time to react," recalled Armenta. "I fell back and realized that if I dropped the ball, I could get the force play at home." He flipped it to catcher Ted Kezear who stepped on home, then fired the ball to second to double up James Munn.

Rally thwarted, Alpha turned on the power and added 10 more runs for the victory.

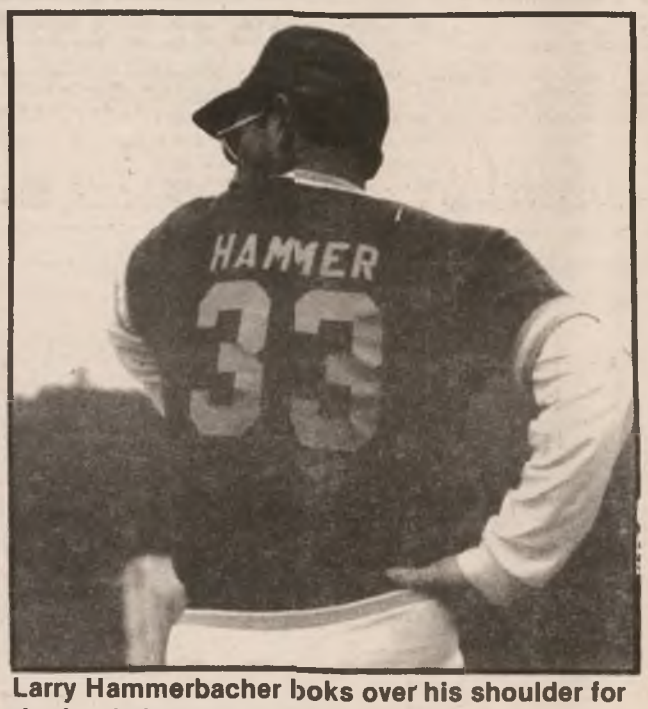
After the game, Coach Pierce praised Co. B's coach, Larry Hammerbacher for a job well done in 1989. "I have all the respect in the world for Maj. Hammerbacher. He's done a great job over at Co. B developing his team into a solid ballclub."

Hammerbacher, Bravo's pitcher and field general, said Co. A's victory was the result of his team's lack of defense and Alpha's "excellent" hitting.

He added, "But it was nice to have both B and A LAMC teams in the finals."



Co. A's Frank Armenta (sitting), and shortstop Steve Gradwohl watch Armenta's throw to John Carbaugh, moments after the pitcher snagged a one-hopper to the mound.



Larry Hammerbacher looks over his shoulder for the hard-charging champs, Co. A.

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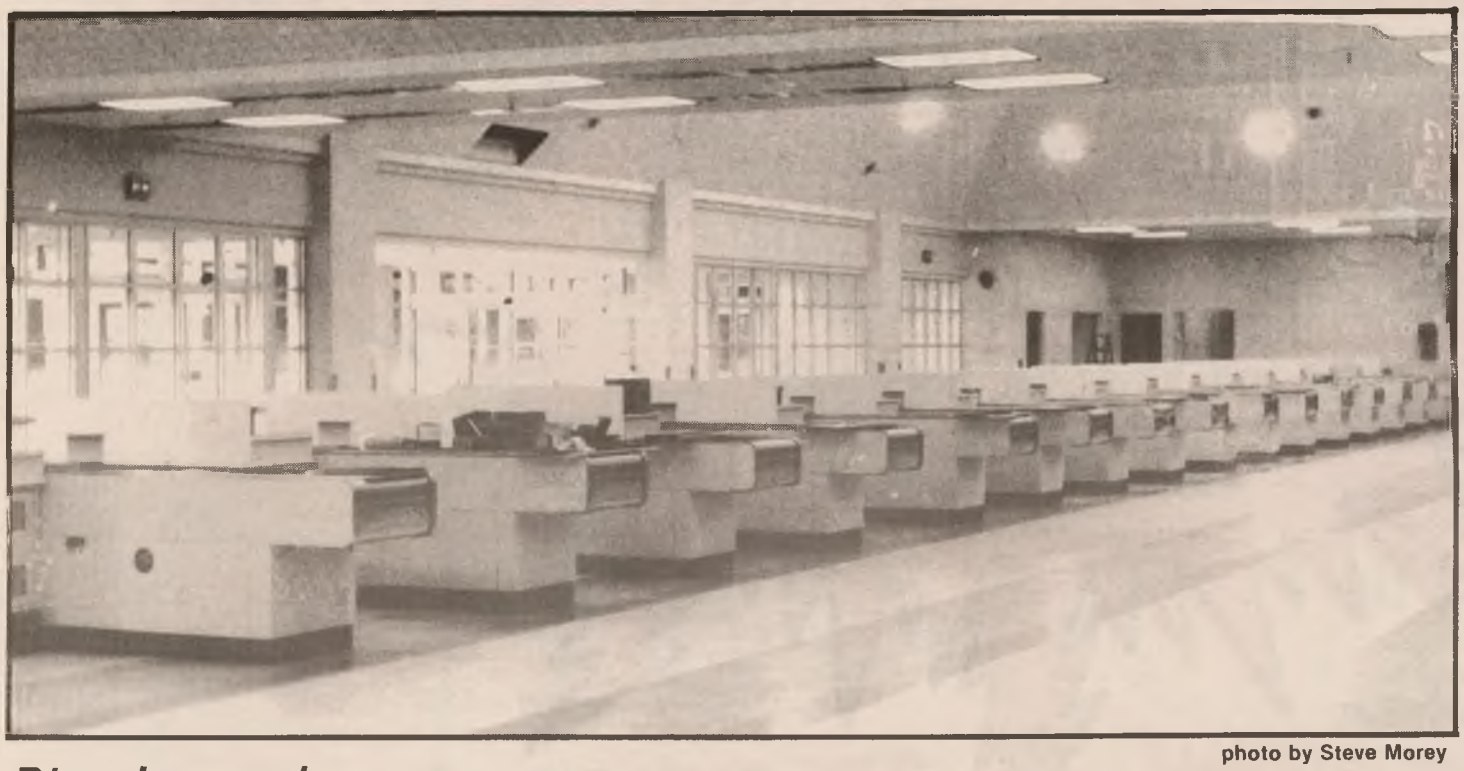


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Ring 'em up!

Presidio's new Commissary will have 17 registers, each with electronic scanners for faster checkouts. The facility, set to open Oct. 10, also will feature a full-size deli and bakery, and a fresh fish market.

Child observation class

Share your child's first school experience and learn how to be a better parent. Tuition free child observation classes for parents and children (ages 15 months to kindergarten), will begin Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon, in building 563. This program offers a nursery school environment with activities for children, and discussion for the parents. Class meets Tuesday and/or Thursday morning during the school year.

This class is presented by the Parent Education Program of the San Francisco Community College Center. For more information, call **561-1921** and ask about the Presidio Child Observation. Registration will be at class.

City College classes

The following classes will be offered at the Fort Scott Education Center during the fall semester. Register now—spaces go fast!

BUS 63A, *Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3* (one-and-one-half semester hours), Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Oct. 11.

SOC 1, *Introduction to Sociology* (three semester hours), Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Monday through Oct. 18.

CIS 27, *Microcomputer Systems/Applications* (three semester hours), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Dec. 7.

CIS 20, *IBM-PC-DOS* (one semester hour), Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sept. 6 through Oct. 4.

CIS 20, *IBM-PC-DOS* (one semester hour), Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 16 through Nov. 13

To enroll in any of the classes being offered during the fall semester, call a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, at **561-4445**, or LAMC Education Center, at **561-4030**.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed at Letterman Army Medical Center to visit patients. Call Patti Chew at **561-2351** or **561-2372.**

Job fair

Come to a job fair designed for people interested in making a career change. Seminar leaders include the authors of *How to Write a Damn Good Resume* and *Beating Job Burnout.* Topics addressed include: how to get into sales and marketing, government jobs, public relations and the airline industry. There also will be seminars on interviewing and resume writing, balancing home and career, and what to do with a liberal arts background.

The fair will be held Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo, Calif. Anyone who preregisters will pay $10, the fee at the door will be $15. For information or registration, call **345-0753.**

Dance classes

Youth Activities' fall dance classes will start Sept. 6. Pre-ballet, pre-tap and pre-tumbling will be offered for children 4 and 5 years old; and tap and tumbling will be offered for children 6 and older. Classes will be taught by Kathy Plambeck. Call **931-6250** for information, class times, location and cost. These classes fill up fast, so register early!

Summer movies

The Community Life Program mayors are sponsoring a series of summer movies for children ages 6 and older each Monday morning in August at 10 a.m. at the post theater. Admission is $1 for children and adults, and bus service will be provided for most housing areas.

The movie scheduled for Monday is *Back to the Future* (PG), a comedy.

For more information call your mayor or the Community Life Office at **561-5057.**

S.F. State classes on post

Register now for the following San Francisco State University classes offered during the fall semester.

HIST 111, *History of Western Civilization II* (three semester hours), Thursdays, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m., Aug. 31 through Dec. 14.

ENG 214, *Second Year Composition* (three semester hours), Tuesdays, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m., Sept. 5 through Dec. 12.

HUM 225, *Values in American Life* (three semester hours), Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m., Sept. 6 through Dec. 13.

HH 381, *Holistic Health: Eastern Perspectives* (three semester hours), Wenesdays, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m., Sept. 6 through Dec. 13.

PSYCH 371, *Introductory Psychological Statistics* (three semester hours), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m., Oct. 17 through Dec. 7.

Soldiers eligible for tuition assistance pay $63.75 a course; all others pay $255 a course. Books cost extra.

To enroll in any of these classes call a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, **561-4445;** or LAMC Education Center, **561-4030.**

SATO travel

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Tennis lessons

Youth Activities is offering Presidio children the chance to take tennis lessons from a professional. From Aug. 28 through Sept.1, Tom Carter will give one-hour lessons for a total of five days. For information, call Carter at **824-7854** or drop by the Youth Activities Center, building 1331.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Aug. 17: Loverboy (PG-13), 7 p.m. Kirstie Alley, Patrick Dempsey. A pizza delivery boy learns a valuable lesson in short-term relationships from bored and neglected housewives.

Fri, Aug. 18: Lover Boy (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, Aug. 19: Ghostbusters II (PG), 7 p.m. Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray. Ghastly, oozing apparitions once again threaten to take over Manhattan. Who else but the Ghostbusters can save the city and mankind.

Sun, Aug. 20: Ghostbusters II (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Aug. 21: Matinee; Back to the Future (PG), 10 a.m.

Mon, Aug. 21: Ghostbusters II (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Aug. 22: Cyborg (R), 7 p.m. Jean Claude Van Damme, Deborah Richter. In the garbage-strewn apocolyptic landscape of the future, a young man searches for those who murdered his family.

Wed, Aug. 23: Dead Poets Society (PG), 7 p.m. Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard. A zany, unconventional English teacher at a hard-line prep school rekindles the creative flames within his students.

Thu, Aug. 24: Dead Poets Society (PG), 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Aug. 18: Who is Harry Crumb? (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Aug. 19: Howard the Duck (PG)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, Aug. 19: Rainman (R)	**7 p.m.**

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School busing

The Presidio will provide transportation to the following San Francisco schools that have no school bus already serving them: Sherman Elementary School, 1651 Union Street; Argonne Alternative School, 675 17th Avenue; George Peabody Elementary School, 251 6th Avenue; and Sutro Elementary School, 235 12th Avenue.

Transportation also will be provided to those areas of the post Alamo Elementary and Cabrillo Elementary schools do not service.

This Presidio and Fort Mason bus service is limited to children attending kindergarten through fifth grade.

Transportation to private schools is done on a space available basis. Only those private schools enroute to public schools will be serviced. No bus will be used exclusively for transporting family members to private schools.

The Presidio will continue school bus service to Sausalito schools from Forts Baker and Barry.

All parents will need to complete forms requesting their children be included on the bus roster. Forms are available from Michael Ardoin in the Transportation Office, building 639. School bus schedules will be available by Aug. 31.

Women's Equality Day

Celebrate Women's Equality Day Wednesday, at a luncheon in the NCO Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speakers and entertainment highlight the program which pays tribute to the passage of the 19th Constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote. For information, call the Federal Women's Program Manager, Ann Williams at **561-2022** or **561-2035**.

New policy on measles-mumps-rubella vaccine

The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a new policy on the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine. A second dose at the time a child begins middle school or junior high school is now required.

Children in this age range may come to LAMC's Pediatric Clinic with their health record and shot record between 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. to receive this immunization.

For information call **561-3202** or **561-2447**.

Library hours change

The post library will have a new schedule through Sept 1. The hours are: Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

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Presidio's Picasso?

A mustachioed Spec. Sherry L. Carson, from Headquarters Company, USAG, applies a new face to a battalion youngster during Headquarters Command Battalion's Organization Day Aug. 18. For the story and more photos, please see page 6 and 7.

Voices

69 years ago, women get voting rights

by Joel P. Smith

First having been thought of as nothing in particular, and then maybe something, possibly, women were grudgingly promoted to part of the "all"—as in "all men were created equal"—on Aug. 26, 1920.

On that day, 69 years ago, the 19th Amendment was incorporated in the Constitution, which proclaimed, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex."

In rare form, the legislators of the day deducted that if mothers could give birth to politicians, and politicians delivered the principles of government, then women could probably give birth to *political ideas.*

Not coincidentally, this also concluded the philosophical search for the value of women, which before was principally conducted below the belt, and now was re-directed to a point behind the eyes.

A whole class of Americans, disenfranchised by those who would secure for all "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," now found more than paper promises in the Constitution.

Having been given an equal vote with men, they could express themselves on a national front. They could say to politicians, from the President of the United States down to the mayor from Dubuque, Iowa, "Look, if we don't like what you do, we'll throw your butt right out of there."

And so they did.

In Massachusetts, women voted Sen. John



Weeks, who opposed women's participation in national affairs, out of office.

And don't come back.

In Columbus Ohio, the mayor of 16 years was turned out by the Franklin County Women's Suffrage Association, which, naturally, installed its own candidate.

Women did what men most feared; they upset the "natural" order of things.

The natural order of things in the 19th and early 20th centuries dictated that America, land of the free and the brave, model itself after a chicken ranch, where the roosters get to make all the noise, and the hens stay in the coop and lay eggs.

They discombobulated the wage system, which said that all things being equal between male and female employees—time within the corporation, job title, ability and performance—the higher salary goes to the worker with hairy armpits.

Promotions, too.

They tore at the cloak of justice (justice, you will remember is a woman, and she's not blind—just blindfolded) by taking seats on juries, for the first time, in 1921.

Most importantly, women assumed the role of legislators. In 1964, in a step toward the ultimate realization of political power, Sen. Margaret Chase Smith became the first woman to be nominated for the presidency of our country.

And women now participate—as voting members—in every form of legislative body in the country. Not surprisingly, the government still funds itself through taxation, and not bake sales and Tupperware parties, as many feared it would.

One of the most important observations we can make, in celebrating 69 years of voting equality, is that women are now served *by* the Constitution.

The 19th Amendment crumbled what had been a male monarchy—a political system which ensured only men could assume office or set the course for the nation.

And it ensured that *all* Americans, as the Declaration of Independence so eloquently states, have the right to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Editor's note: *Women's Equality Day will be celebrated on post Wednesday at the NCO Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Ann Williams at 561-2022 for information.*

Ramblin' Sam

"What do you think the United States would be like if women were never given the vote?"



Stella M. Rodgers, military family member: "Awful. They wouldn't make as much money; they wouldn't have political power... to change things by sticking together."



Spec. Arlene M. H. Spaulding-Fryer, personnel administration clerk, HQ, Sixth Region, USACIDC: "I think all the opinions would be one-sided [politically]. It would interfere with everybody. If they didn't have a chance to say what they think, then it wouldn't be fair."



PFC Cynthia M. Streva, clerk/typist, 425th Civil Affairs Group, Santa Barbara, Calif.: "We wouldn't have any privileges. It would be a male-dominated society. We wouldn't have been permitted to be in the Army. We're able to have our own careers now."



Capt. Richard T. Martin, Personnel Division chief, HQ Sixth Region USACIDC: "I don't think we would receive the benefit of their knowledge and experience if they hadn't been able to participate in the direction of the country. Just in the local area we're seeing women lead, take the forefront in political issues."

Post soldiers asked to face the music, give honor

by Pleasant Lindsey III

Boom!... Wow! Feel the walls shake... listen to the windows rattle. It must be that time again.

Every time I work late it catches me off guard. I almost jump through my PC whenever I hear it. Don't let me have a cup of coffee or a can of soda in my hand... heaven forbid, it would be all over my [illegible].

Of course this evening-shock only occurs when I'm indoors. Whenever I'm outside the building at this time of day, I expect this event to occur. I am not shocked by it at all when I'm outside.

The funny thing is, when I look out my office window at this time of day I sometimes see men and women in uniform (officers, enlisted) hurrying to step indoors for that "imporant meeting." Or, some will stop what they are doing, look around to see what everyone *else* is doing (and to determine if they are being watched), then they'll duck into their cars or scurry into the nearest doorway for refuge.

What are these people afraid of? It never bothers me when *I'm* outside. In fact, I was trained to give honor where honor is due. I don't run... I don't hide. When that time comes I'm always

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Bush selects Gen. Powell

General Colin L. Powell, commander in chief of Forces Command, is the president's choice to become the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the first black officer to hold the post, the White House announced Aug. 10.

Upon Senate confirmation, Powell would succeed Navy Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., who has announced his intention to retire Sept. 30.

A former national security adviser in the Ronald Reagan administration, Powell has held a number of top-level advisory positions. In January 1987, then-President Ronald Reagan appointed him as Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. In November of that same year, Powell succeeded Frank Carlucci in the top security adviser post when Reagan nominated Carlucci for Secretary of Defense.

In July 1983, Powell became the senior military assistant to then-Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger. From 1979 to 1981, he served as senior military assistant to the Deputy Defense Secretary of Energy. In 1972, Powell was selected as White House Fellow and served his year-long fellowship in the Office of Management and Budget.

Powell assumed his present duties as the head of Forces Command in April. He has also commanded the V U.S. Corps in Weest Germany and has served as the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Assistant Division Commaander for Operations and Training. His other notaable assignments include command of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky, command of the Korea-based 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry, 2nd Division; and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Training in the 23rd Infantry Division National War College and the Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools. He was commissioned through the ROTC program after graduation from the City College of New York in 1958. Powell later earned a masters in business administration from the George Washington University.



photo by Joel P. Smith

Gen. Powell (r) and Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander.

Powell is a native of New York City. He is married to the former Alma Vivian Johnson, and they have three children: Michael, Linda and Annemarie.

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ready to stand and "face the music."

What music, you may ask? You mean, you folks still don't realize what I'm blabbering about? I'm talking about 5 p.m. ... 1700... **RETREAT!**

When that cannon sounds off at 5 p.m. (and the flag detail is never late) every soldier on post who hears it should turn toward the flag or the direction from which they heard the cannon fire, come to the position of attention, and present arms while the flag is lowered and retreat is being played.

On some posts I have seen traffic come to a complete stop during retreat. Since this is an open post, that isn't always possible (or feasible).

But because this is an open post, there will always be civilians watching every step you take, every move you make. So let's look sharp, people. Presidio soldiers are always on display.

When 5 p.m. comes and that cannon sounds, let's render the proper courtesy to our nation's flag, our country, our people, and uniform—and ourselves.

Don't run and hide... but stand tall and proud, and render the proper salute.

Give honor where honor is due.

Job Opportunities

CPO Jobs

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Operating Room Nurse: 531-89(MO), GS-610-10, closes Sept. 5.

Supervisory Purchasing Agent: 532-89(MO), GS-1105-9, Closes Sept. 6.

Supply Technician: 533-89(MO), GS-2005-6/7, open until filled.

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

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Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-5345, or call **561-5095** or **561-2947.**

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Full-length photos

Starting Sept. 1, the Training Support Center is changing the days photographers shoot full length photos. The new days and hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Toy safety notice

The Empire of Carolina, Inc., toy company has issued a safety notice to anyone who may have purchased a battery-operated Big Wheel riding toy. Some models may have been sold in Post Exchanges worldwide in 1986.

The on/off switches may overheat and stick in the "on" position, which could burn a child's hand or cause the rider to lose control.

The affected models are: Kawasaki KLT 250 Prairie Big Wheel, numbers 1215, 1220, 1223, 1221; and the Sweet-Tee-Nuff Big Wheel.

If your child has one of these toys, they should stop using it ***immediately*** until the switch is replaced. This repair is necessary even for a previously replaced switch, says the manufacturer. A new switch will be provided free of charge by call the manufacturer at **(800) 334-5666.** Have the model name and number of your toy ready when you call.

Inquiries also can be sent to Empire Campaign, c/o Empire of Carolina, Inc., P.O. Box 427, Daniel Street Extension, Tarboro, NC 27886.

Warrant Officer candidates

Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command has announced the Warrant Officer Selection Board dates for Fiscal Year 1990. The dates are: Oct. 17 through 19, Nov. 14 through 16, Dec. 5 through 7, Jan. 23 through 25, Feb. 13 through 15, March 20 through 22, April 17 through 19, May 15 through 17, June 12 through 14, July 17 through 19, Aug. 14 through 16, and Sept. 11 through 13. For Military Occupational Specialty selected boarding information, call the Military Personnel Operations Branch at **561-2151.**

Results of the selection board are published and distributed no later than one week after each board.

Early release dates

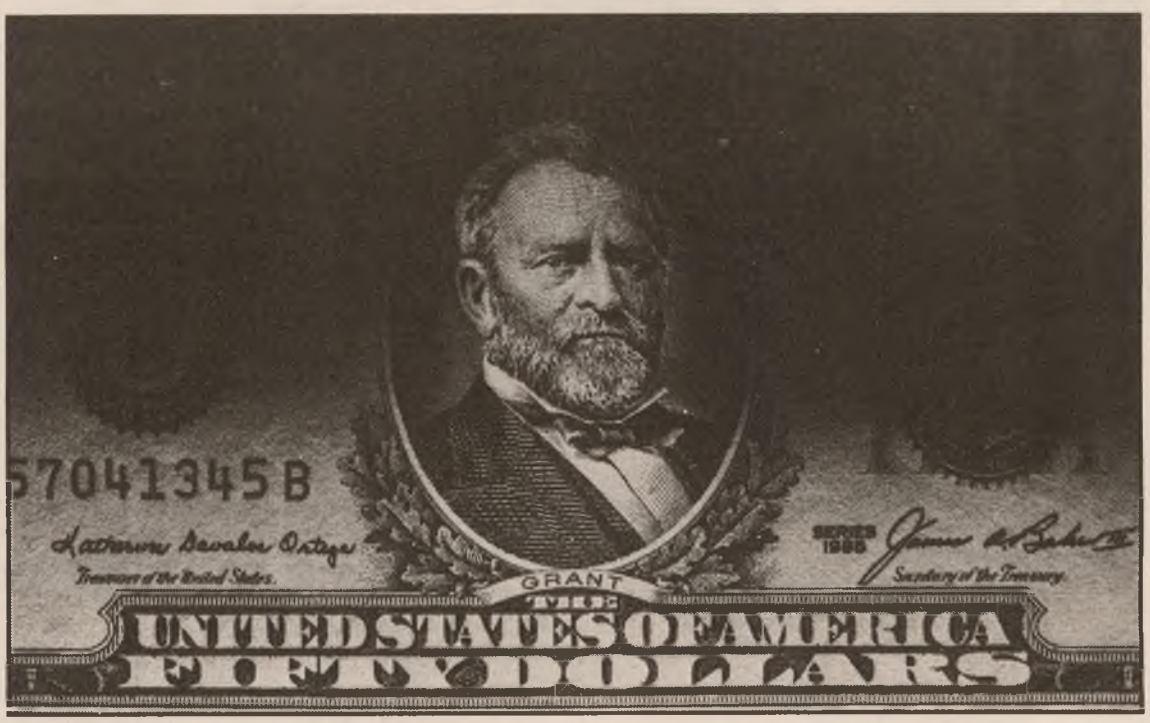
Headquarters, Personnel Command, has announced the following schedule for Christmas/New Year's early release dates:

Current ESA/ETS	Release target date
Dec. 4, 5	Dec. 1
Dec. 6, 7	Dec. 4
Dec. 8 through 11	Dec. 5
Dec. 12 through 15	Dec. 6
Dec. 16 through 18	Dec. 7
Dec. 19 through 21	Dec. 8
Dec. 22 through 24	Dec. 11
Dec. 25 through 27	Dec. 12
Dec. 28, 29	Dec. 13
Dec. 30, 31	Dec. 14
Jan. 1, 2	Dec. 15

These dates apply to all soldiers in this program. Soldiers on reserve status are not eligible. Request for transition leave is authorized if the original ESA/ETS dates fall on one of the above dates. Transition leave requests must be submitted on DA Form 31 along with a current Leave and Earnings Statement and be received in the Military Personnel Operations Branch at least 90 days before the transition leave date.

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News You Can Use

Presidio parents able to choose city schools

by Christine Cockrell

Have you been pleased with the school to which your children have been assigned? Can you talk with the teachers? Can you get satisfactory information from them about curriculum, child safety practices, their methods for discipline? Can you drop by and see their classes in progress, or are you told you will need an appointment?

As September approaches and you hand over the precious reigns of education to San Francisco's schools, be aware that you have a choice. That choice is called Optional Enrollment.

The school system here assigns children according to home address and racial/ethnic background, NOT on proximity to home or on the individual needs of your child or family. Many neighborhoods in San Francisco are bused, and the Presidio is one of them.

Busing may be fine ordinarily; but some children have special needs and would do better in a particular school.

You as a parent have power. Optional Enrollment is the right to choose the optimal setting for your family.

Step 1: Go to Army Community Service and get information. Their staff will give you a booklet on student assignment and the Optional Enrollment Program.

Step 2: Determine your eligibility. If you have moved here since Jan. 6, 1989, the school district still considers you a new resident. You can go to the Student Assignment Office at 170 Fell Street, room 10-A and talk with them about OER for your children. If you have been a resident longer, OER eligibility will be decided on a case-by-case basis. But go ahead and try to submit the paperwork.

Step 3: Go see the local schools; meet the principals, and get your questions answered! Find out if



there will be space for your child. Don't be intimidated; reports from family members are that the schools generally like military families. The reason? It may be that military families tend to be single income families with more time to give to the school and to their child. As one neighbor put it, "If you have military children come to your school, you usually get their mothers, too."

Step 4: Follow the instructions in the booklet from ACS for filing an OER and submit the paperwork to the Fell Street office.

If you are denied a change of schools, you can submit an appeal. Don't give up.

A couple of important things to note on the OER program: Once your child is in, he or she is in until graduation or you move. And once one of your children is accepted, chances are good that all children in the familiy will be able to attend the same school. OERs are still required for siblings, but Starine Cheek, Army Community Service chief, points out that family members say they are much easier to get approved.

Different parents may face unique problems. One parent is particularly frustrated, "If your child has no special needs and is intelligent, any one of the schools here would probably be adequate; kids are so good at compensating.

"But if there are special needs, you have to fight for anything you get."

This mother has a daughter with a learning disability and, despite multiple appeals, has been unsuccessful in transferring her child to a school better able to handle her disability. The reason? Numbers.

If your child has special needs which require special education, gather together all of your documentation. The Central Assessment Unit **(586-6400)** at Letterman Army Medical Center will assess your child for eligibility to the post's Exceptional Family Member Program. This ACS program will help families with children liaison with schools. For information about the Exceptional Family Member Program, call Nancy Niederhauser at **561-5057.**

ACS is currently looking for a family member volunteer to advocate for Presidio families with the San Francisco School District staff. Call Cynthia Drake if you can help, at **561-5057.**

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Battalion children gather up goodies after knocking a pinata from its lofty perch.

Family fun at turns 400 in

story and photos by Steve Morey

Nearly 400 Headquarters Command Battalion soldiers and their family members took Friday off to be a kid again. No matter—they had the battalion commander's permission.

Lt. Col. John M. Razel, himself a dunk tank "swimmer," declared Aug. 18 "Battalion Organization Day."

The battalion was represented by soldiers from Headquarters Company, USAG; Law Enforcement Company; Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion; the Sixth U.S. Army Band and the battalion officer corps.

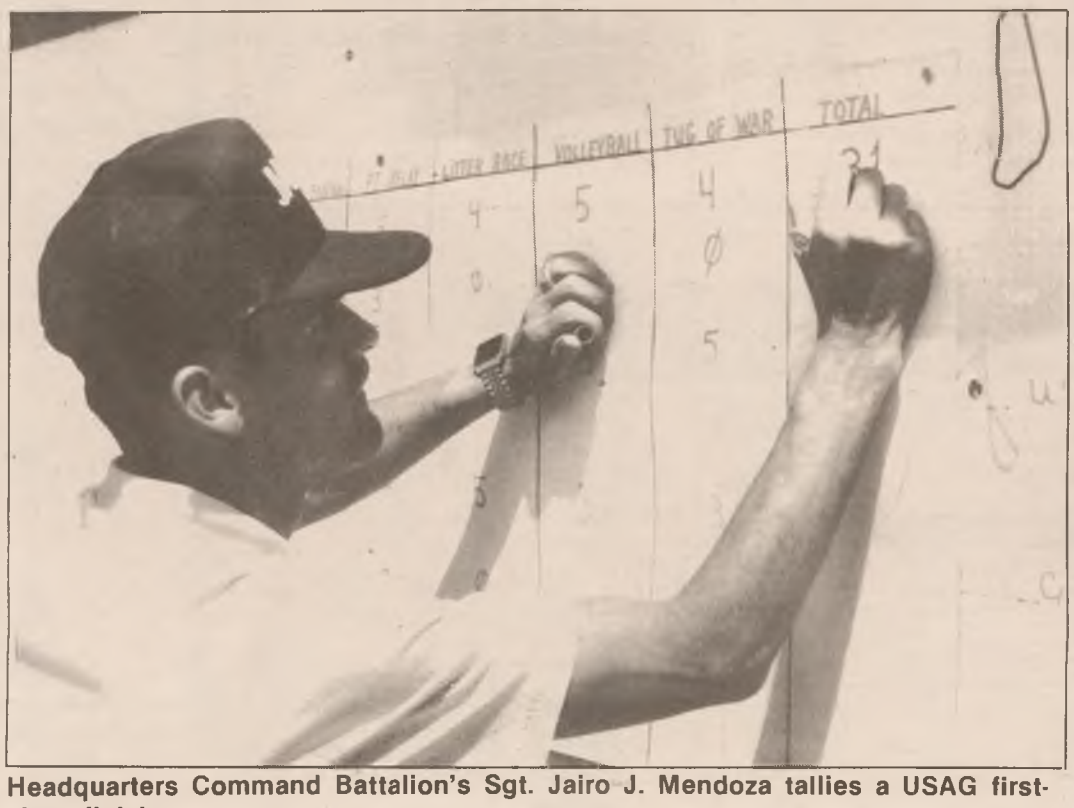
Razel was joined at the day's kick-off by Col. William D. Swift, Presidio garrison commander. Together they pulled the lanyard of a cannon to get Organization Day off to a booming start.

While the clouds hid the sun from view, a slew of events awaited the adults and children. However, as a.m. turned into p.m., the gray sky turned a bright blue.

Soldiers and their spouses took turns watching



An estimated 400 soldiers and their family members



Headquarters Command Battalion's Sgt. Jairo J. Mendoza tallies a USAG first-place finish.



These two battalion youngsters share a quiet moment at day's end.



USAG's Spec. Pe
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Organization Day

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their children get their faces painted like a clown. The youngsters also took turns whacking a *pinata*, spilling its candies and toys on the ground.

Nearby, other children made water bubbles, tried "throw-the-ball-through-the-target," and played a scaled-down version of croquet; the family pets joined in the fun as well.

The bigger children—er, adults—played games such as "sink the company commander in the ice cold water," "hit me in the face with a pie," and tug-of-war. Others frolicked in the dirt during softball games, slid on the grass during "Frisbee" football and raced each other while carrying a gurneyed soldier.

After all of the pie was smushed, the water swallowed and races run, USAG was declared the day's champs. Charlie Company, after a come-from-behind victory in softball, finished second; LEC was third.

You may ask, "Which group of people where the children again?" During Headquarters Command Battalion's Organization Day on Friday, it didn't seem to matter.



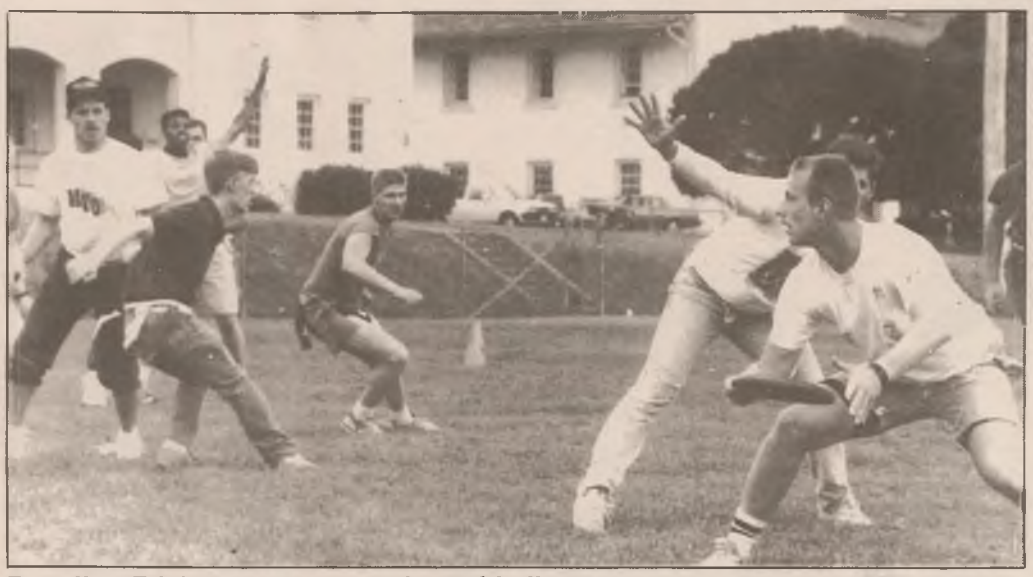
lined up for a barbecue feast.



Spec. Fred Crowther, from the Sixth U.S. Army Band, heats up the crowd with a mid-afternoon solo.



dro Gomez (l) takes on two attackers dur· practice session.



Battalion Frisbee players turn the softball grass into a football field.

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Sports



Beverly Carpenter attacks the workout with a smile.

Aerobics' rhythm rocks gym

story and photos by Steve Morey

What post activity combines music from the soulful *Supremes* and the rockin' *Romantics* with 75 minutes of trunk-twisting, knee-bending exercise?

If you guessed "MTV's latest music video at the NCO Club," you're off the mark. If you said "aerobic dancing," you're right in tune.

Throughout the week in Gym No. 1, spandex-wrapped men and women gyrate to a "boom box's" rhythmic beats. The morning, afternoon and evening classes can accommodate even the most shy Presidians.

"We usually get a few walk-ins each session," says Beverly Carpenter, one of five aerobics instructors from Execu-Fit Health Programs, which holds the classes on post. "Some stay on; some don't. But you don't know if you'll like it or not unless you try."

During a recent Wednesday afternoon session, a half-dozen aerobic artists hit the mat. The beat is heavy and the legs are kickin'. Carpenter hops and jumps her way through the group, shouting instructions.

"Come on! Swing those arms, back and forth! Wooooh! Kick up your legs!" she screams while the *Romantics* blast out, "That's What I Like About You."

Myrna Teodosio's legs seem to reject her every efforts to lift higher; however, a constant smile lines her face. A few feet away, her 8-year-old son, Arthur Jr., goes through the motions with the adults.

Says Carpenter, "He comes to every class with his mother so she asked if he could join us. I said it wouldn't be a problem at all."

Carpenter explains the workouts emphasize four exercise areas: low impact (at least one foot on the ground), high impact (both feet airborne, such as jumping), interval training and toning.

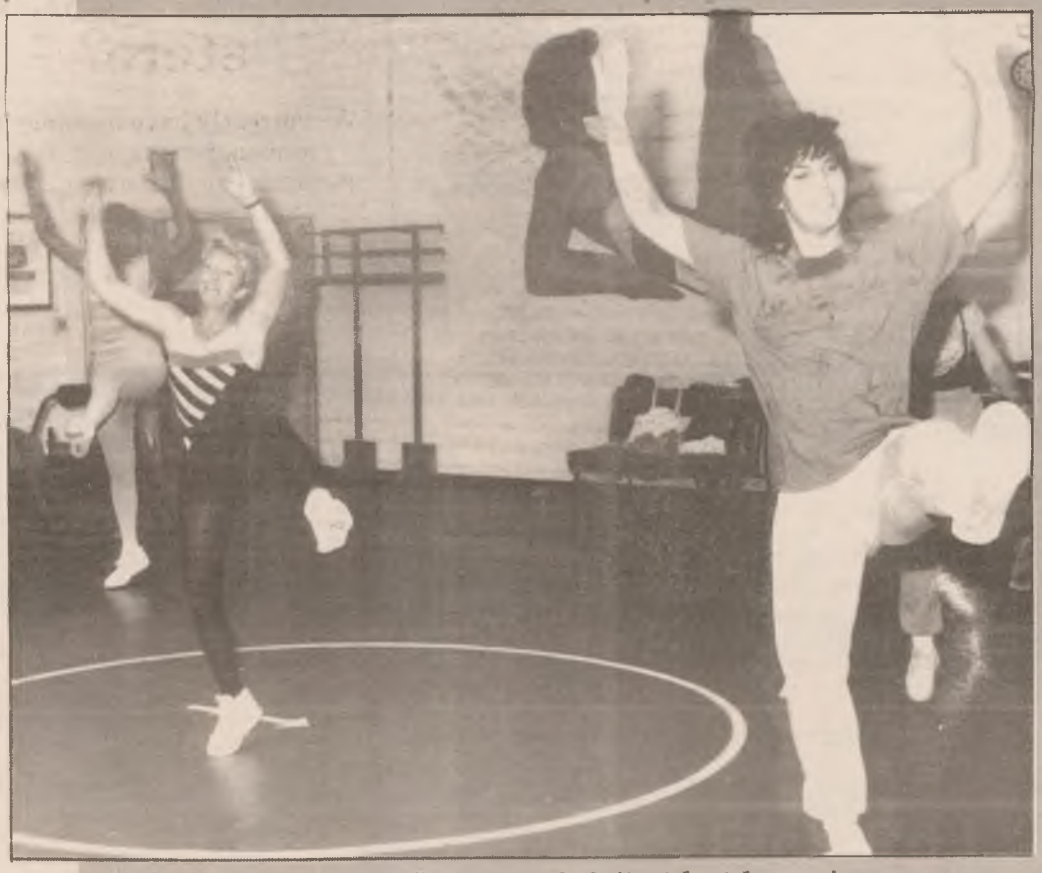
"We try to work all of the muscle groups," continues Carpenter. "And we tell everyone—*exercise at your own pace!* That's one of the great things about aerobic dancing. It's self-paced."

Classes are given by the Execu-Fit staff in the gym's Nautilus room according to this schedule: 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 9:30 a.m., Saturday.

"Mondays are our busiest night by far," Carpenter says. "We usually have a packed house." The fees for the sessions are: drop-in, $3.50 a class; five classes at $3 a class ($15 total); 12 classes at $2.50 a class ($30 total); and 18 classes at $2 each ($36).

For more information, call Gym No. 1 at 561-4131 or Execu-Fit at 981-0111.

If you're looking for a rockin' beat and long for the shouts and screams of "Keep it going! Work that body!" the post's aerobic classes await you.



Carpenter and Cynthia Simon put their best foot forward.



A mirrored image catches the group during situps in the Nautilus room.

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Community Calendar

Leave donation request

A Sixth U.S. Army employee recently was hospitalized for six weeks as a result of a serious illness. She used all advanced leave and is now in a leave without pay status.

This employee is a single mother and sole supporter of two small children.

She needs 200 hours of leave to help her and her family. If you would like to donate some of your annual leave, call Katie Malone in Management Employee Relations, Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-2255** or **561-2840**.

Crisis intervention training

The Presidio Crisis Line is offering 16 hours of crisis intervention, interpersonal communication skills training. This training is free in exchange for volunteer time on the Crisis Line. The training will be Sept. 13, 16 and 20. Meet new people, increase your skills, take care of your own! Child care assistance is available.

Call Nancy Niederhauser at Army Community Service, at **561-5155** for information and training times.

CLEP testing

The CLEP with Essay will be given Oct. 10 at 12:15 p.m. This examination is for soldiers attending, or planning to attend colleges which require this test rather than the multiple choice CLEP. The test will be offered at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216. There is no fee, but you must order your examination by **Tuesday**. Call an education counselor at the LAMC Education Center at **561-3692**, or the Fort Scott Education Center at **561-2974**.

Career briefing

Attention all Department of Army Careerists (GS-12, GM-13 and GM-15); you are invited to attend a talk by the Army Management Staff College commandant. The briefing will focus on the benefits of this program.

The talk will be held at the Sixth Army Command Conference Facility, building 35, Aug. 31 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.



photo by Francois Duhamel

'To be or... '

Robin Williams plays a charismatic English teacher in "The Dead Poets Society," shown on post today and tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Commissary council

The Presidio Commissary Council meeting will be held Sept. 2 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissary Conference Room, building 252.

Nutrition study

Are you interested in earning $70 and receiving three days of free meals? If you are 15 to 18 years old, 24 to 25 years old or 60 to 75 years old, the Department of Agriculture wants you!

Volunteers will be part of a new study which measures nutrition in a new way. To be eligible, you must be able to eat breakfast and dinner at their center for three weekdays.

If you are interested, call **556-1249** and ask for Department 10. New volunteers are needed each week between August and November.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed at Letterman Army Medical Center to visit patients. Call Patti Chew at **561-2351** or **561-2372**.

Job fair

Come to a job fair designed for people interested in making a career change. Seminar leaders include the authors of *How to Write a Damn Good Resume* and *Beating Job Burnout*. Topics addressed include: how to get into sales and marketing, government jobs, public relations and the airline industry. There also will be seminars on interviewing and resume writing, balancing home and career, and what to do with a liberal arts background.

The fair will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo, Calif. Anyone who preregisters will pay $10, the fee at the door will be $15. For information or registration, call **345-0753**.

Dance classes

Youth Activities' fall dance classes will start Sept. 6. Pre-ballet, pre-tap and pre-tumbling will be offered for children 4 and 5 years old; and tap and tumbling will be offered for children 6 and older. Classes will be taught by Kathy Plambeck. Call **931-6250** for information, class times, location and cost. These classes fill up fast, so register early!

Food Basket

The "Hands Across the Presidio" Food Basket Program assists eligible soldiers and their families. Donations of canned goods and unopened food staples may be left at Army Community Service, bldg. 914, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For information, call Erick Davis at **561-5057**.

Parent training

Parent effectiveness training classes give Presidio parents an opportunity to learn new ways to communicate with and understand their children. Techniques for resolving family conflicts are stressed as well.

The classes are held Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 21 through Nov. 9, at the Religious Activities Center.

For information, call Maj. Janice Collins at **561-4268**.

Summer movies

The Community Life Program mayors are sponsoring a series of summer movies for children ages 6 and older at 10 a.m. each Monday morning in August at the post theater. Admission is $1 for children and adults, and bus service will be provided for most housing areas.

Monday's movie will be *Across the Great Divide* (G), an adventure.

For information, call your mayor or the Community Life office at **561-5057**.

Writing workshop

Streamline your writing style to meet the new Army standards. Learn how to use the active voice, organize your writing and get your point across in the Education Center's *Effective Army Writing* workshop, Wednesday through Sept. 11, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in building 1216. To enroll, call a counselor at **561-2974** or call the LAMC Education Center at **561-3692**.

Career options workshop

Golden Gate University is conducting a *Career Options* workshop, Saturday. This is an opportunity for Presidians to learn about careers in the fields of management, public administration and law. Everyone will be able to take part in a career planning seminar, or talk with a financial aid counselor.

The Golden Gate University campus is located at 536 Mission Street in San Francisco. The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are free and no preregistration is needed. For information, call Golden Gate University at **442-7800**.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Aug. 24: Dead Poets Society (PG), 7 p.m.
Fri, Aug. 25: Dead Poets Society (PG), 7 p.m.
Sat, Aug. 26: Karate Kid III (PG), 7 p.m.
Sun, Aug. 27: Karate Kid III (PG), 7 p.m.
Mon, Aug. 28: Across the Great Divide (G), 10 a.m.
Mon, Aug. 28: Karate Kid III (PG), 7 p.m.
Tue, Aug. 29: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen (PG), 7 p.m.
Wed, Aug. 30: Major League (R), 7 p.m.
Thu, Aug. 31: UHF (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Fri, Sept. 1: UHF (PG-13), 7 p.m.

[This week's movie summaries were not available at press time.]

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Aug. 25: Full Moon in Blue Water (R)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Aug. 26: Star Trek V (PG)	**1 p.m.**
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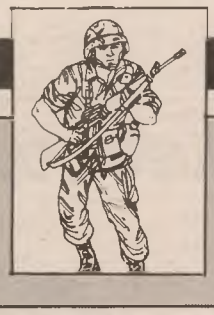
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News Briefs

National TV coverage

NBC's "Today Show" (on KRON-Channel 4 locally) plans to air a story tomorrow, between 7 and 9 a.m., on the closing of the Presidio. The segment is expected to run about five minutes, depending on the news of the day.

If you set your VCR early, you may see friends and co-workers on the show. The post's Garrison Public Affairs Office helped NBC's three-man crew interview soldiers and civilians, scenic shots, and an interview with Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander.

ID cards

Starting Oct. 1, all ID cards (with the exception of active duty and reserve soldier ID cards) will be issued on an appointment-only basis. Appointments are between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call **561-3478**, or stop by building 86 to schedule an appointment. One day before your scheduled appointment, a clerk will telephone to confirm your information and give further instructions.

Emergency ID card replacements will normally be handled between 2 and 3 p.m. daily. Civilian ID cards are issued only on Mondays. All other ID cards—for family members, DEERS enrollment, retirees—are issued on an appointment basis Monday through Friday. Active duty and reserve soldiers still may have cards issued on a walk-in basis, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PLDC and promotion

Promotable specialists and corporals who have not graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course will not lose their status when PLDC becomes a prerequisite for promotion to sergeant Oct. 1.

This change will protect soldiers' eligibility for promotion while they wait for PLDC training seats.

Under modified rules, soldiers may continue to be recommended for promotion to sergeant, even though they have not completed PLDC.

The change will allow commanders to recommend specialists and corporals for promotion to sergeant without regard to PLDC graduation. However, they will not be promoted until they graduate from the course. This will be the case even if they exceed the announced monthly military occupational specialty cutoff scores. In that case, their promotion would be delayed until the first day of the month after they graduate from PLDC.

The Army remains firmly committed to linking training to promotion but wants to ensure that deserving soldiers are not denied promotion list standing because of matters beyond their control.

Personnel Command

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Among giants

photo by Steve Morey

A young kendo competitor prepares his *men* (facemask) for an upcoming match during the 1989 Northern California Kendo Championships in Gym No.1 on Sunday. For the photo story, see pages 6 and 7.

Voices

Blinded Veterans Association offers programs

by Evelyn D. Harris

"After I retired from the Army, I continued to live an active life, but I thought it was all over when I learned that I was going blind," said retired Army Maj. Gen. Dick Fazakerley. "The doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center provided excellent care, but there is only so much that medical science can do for someone with my condition."

Fazakerley suffers from macular degeneration, a common eye disease. To see the world through his eyes, put your hand over your face so you can see only a pie-shaped area out of the corner of each eye.

Fazakerley is now director of the Blinded Veterans Association. But when he first became legally blind, he thought he'd never work again.

"My job at the time (associate superintendent of schools in Montgomery County, Md.) required that I drive to schools all over the county and 'kick tires'—so there was no way I could keep doing that," he said.

"But I was fortunate to get some good advice. I was told to have my medical records checked, and sure enough, seven years before my retirement, an Army doctor noted that my eyesight had begun to deteriorate—giving me a service-connected condition. Because of this, I didn't have to wait as long to go to an excellent rehabilitation center," he said.

"They gave me extensive eye examinations to find out just how much vision was left so I could take best advantage of it using available technology.

"I also learned about the field service program of the Blinded Veterans Association and wanted to get involved in it to give other blinded vets the same help I'd gotten."



The Blinded Veterans Association, chartered by Congress in 1958, is the only organization devoted exclusively to serving veterans with severe visual impairment. The association estimates that only half of the 5,000 veterans who become severely visually impaired (legally blind) every year know about the special services and benefits available to them.

It has two major outreach programs available without cost to blinded veterans—the field service program, which Fazakerley directs, and the outreach employment program. Field offices are located throughout the United States. Field service representatives encourage and help fellow veterans obtain services, rehabilitation training and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (formerly known as the Veterans Administration), state and local agencies.

Field service representatives also counsel a veteran's family members and encourage them not to be overprotective.

Low-vision aids can help many visually impaired people, and the field service representatives help blinded veterans apply for these aids. For example Fazakerley uses a closed-circuit television system that expands the printed line 50 to 60 times so he can read. He has applied to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a machine that scans text and gives a voice synthesis.

The outreach employment program helps blinded veterans with all aspects of job placement, from resume writing to obtaining the necessary skills for successful employment. Both programs are staffed by blinded veterans who serve as role models.

The Blinded Veterans Association also provides scholarships to blinded veterans' spouses and dependents.

"There are at least 120,000 blinded veterans alive today," said Fazakerley. "So the chances are good that many military people and DoD civilians have parents or loved ones who are blinded veterans. I hope they'll spread the word about the help we can provide to those veterans."

For information on any Blinded Veterans Association program or for general information about blindness, call the association at **(202) 372-8880**. Call collectand leave your name and number.

Or call any of these regional offices: Boston, ***(617) 565-2565***; *Dallas, (214)* **372-7912**, Atlanta, **(404) 347-3760**; Chicago, **(312) 353-1740**; Los Angeles, **(213) 209-7641**; and Washington, D.C., **(202) 275-1331**.

Ramblin' Sam

"What are you doing to get ready for school?" (Asked at the Youth Activities Center.)



Darren Mitchell, 8 years old: "I'm just having fun. I've been learning new things during the summer and getting ready for the next grade [fourth grade]."



Justin Sullivan, 7 years old: "Learning arts and crafts, sewing, drawing most of the time plus after-school video games. I'm very good at Dig-dug. And we go on field trips."



Jason Kim, 8 years old: "I've got a new backpack I'm going to fill with all my homework. I sometimes cry to my mom that I want to go back to school. We've been on field trips to Great America, Chuck E. Cheese and the Boardwalk [in Santa Cruz]."



Charmin King, 10 years old: "Trying to study this summer, reading with [the] March of Dimes [reading program]. You get a gold, silver or bronze medal depending on how many books you read. [How many have you read?] More than 50. I've already earned a gold medal."

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News You Can Use

School supplies, fall fashions top students' list

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

The debate of the stealth bomber, Pete Rose's censure and Woodstock's 20th anniversary may be all abuzz in some social circles; but at the post Youth Activities Center, back-to-school supplies weigh most heavily on the mind. This year, say some experts on their way to stalk last-minute purchases, shoes and backpacks can make or break a student's career.

According to Amy LeCroy, 8, the right style and color shoes practically assures social success. She points out that older kids may forgive a poor choice in style if the color matches a girl's outfit. Her brother, Adam, 10, says color isn't too important to boys, but you've got to have high-tops this year.

With the flurry of school supply hunting finally subsiding, Adam says he looks forward to returning to school.

"Our school is weird," comments Adam. "Even the name is weird—George Peabody.

"**It feels sort** of good to be going back to school though. It gets kind of boring just playing all day," he decides after a short hesitation.

Andre Aiken, 8, agrees. He says he looks forward to going back to school because he'll get a new teacher and hard work. Hard work, especially in his favorite subjects—math and spelling—make him anxious to return to classes.

Katie Baher, 7, doesn't have the pressure of new school clothes since she'll be wearing a uniform this fall. Katie will attend a new school, but she seems confident she'll do well.

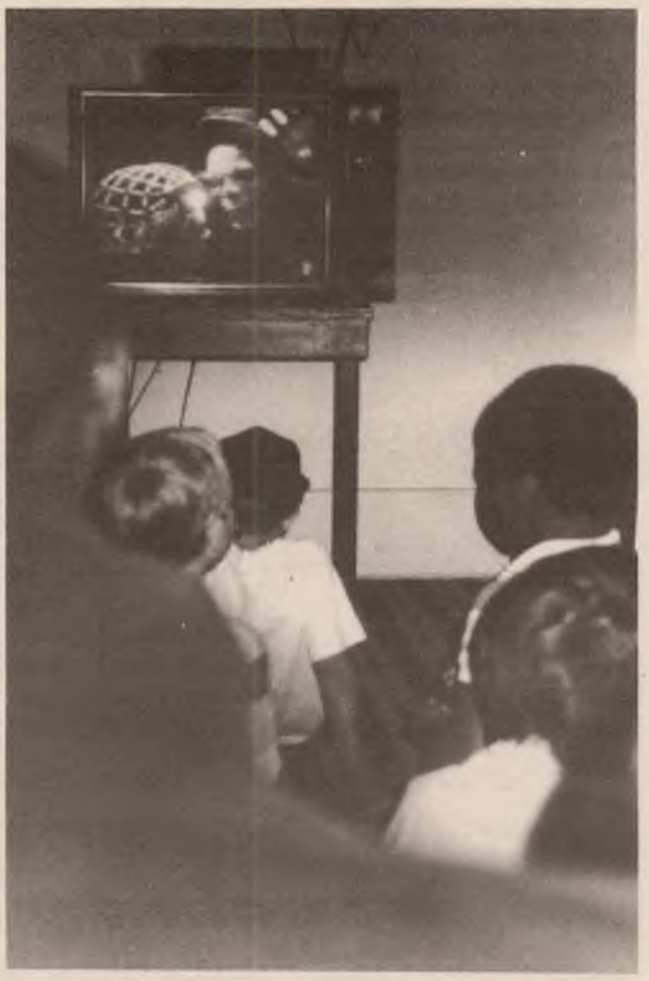
"I like going to school. Math is my favorite subject. I'm good at it because I spend all my time doing math homework," she says.

When Katie thinks about school she says she always thinks "good stuff." In fact, Katie reports she always dreams "good, good things about school."

Amy, who isn't too sure she's going to like starting another year of classes, says her school has a great playground. Andre, too, looks forward to hitting the school playground for some serious fun once school starts. But he says his favorite thing will be playing with the new friends he makes.



Catrina Cuevas, 8, chooses a box of crayons at the main Post Exchange.



photos by Steve Morey

A week before school starts, Presidio children enjoy one last movie at the Youth Activities Center.

Job Opportunities

CPO Jobs

Safety and Occupational Health Manager: 535-89(MO), GS-018-7/9/11/12, closes Sept. 8.
Management Assistant (Typing): 536-89(DW), GS-344-6, closes Sept. 8.
Supervisory Personnel Clerk: 537-89(DW), GS-203-7, closes Sept. 8.
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Buget Assistant [typing]:544-89(CT) GS-561-4/5, closes Sept. 12.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at **561-5732** or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

NAF Jobs

Education Technician (three positions): UA-1702-05, $7.54 an hour, regular,part-time
Cook: NA-7404-05, $8.14 an hour, intermittent, regularly, scheduled.
Club Operation Assistant: PS-1101-04, $6.49 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
Bartender: NA-7405-03, $6.79 an hour, intermittent, regularly, scheduled.
Waiter/waitress: NA-7420-02, $6.10 an hour, intermittent, on-call
Child Caregiver (eight positions): PS-186-02 $5.85 an hour, regular, part-time.
Custodial Worker: NA-3566-01, $5.37 an hour, temporary, part-time
Recreation Aide: PS-189-03, $6.13 an hour, intermittent, on-call
Child Development Program Assistant: PS-1702-04, $6.49 an hour, regular, full-time.
Assistant Club Manager: UA-1101-09, $11.43 an hour, regular, full-time.
Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-06, $7.23 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled.
Waiter/Waitress: NA-7420-02, $6.10 an hour, intermittent, on-call.
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Clerk Typist: AS-322-04, $6.66 an hour, intermittent, regularly, scheduled.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-5345, or call **561-5095** or **561-2947**.

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Full-length photos

Starting tomorrow, the Training Support Center is changing the days photographers shoot full length photos. The new days and hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

School busing

The Presidio will provide transportation to the following San Francisco schools that have no school bus already serving them: Sherman Elementary School, 1651 Union Street; Argonne Alternative School, 675 17th Avenue; George Peabody Elementary School, 251 6th Avenue; and Sutro Elementary School, 235 12th Avenue.

Transportation also will be provided to those areas of the post Alamo Elementary and Cabrillo Elementary schools do not service.

This Presidio and Fort Mason bus service is limited to children attending kindergarten through fifth grade.

Transportation to private schools is done on a space available basis. Only those private schools enroute to public schools will be serviced. No bus will be used exclusively for transporting family members to private schools.

The Presidio will continue school bus service to Sausalito schools from Forts Baker and Barry.

All parents will need to complete forms requesting their children be included on the bus roster. Forms are available from Michael Ardoin in the Transportation Office, building 639. School bus schedules will be available by Aug. 31.

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PLDC at Parks

No-nonsense cadre stresses teamwork

story and photos by Ron Freeman

The highway sign reads Camp Parks. For most motorists traveling on Interstate 580, Camp Parks is an unknown. But for the thousands of soldiers who have completed primary leadership training here, their stay at Camp Parks may never be forgotten.

The Primary Leadership Training Course is a no-nonsense course taught by a no-nonsense cadre of soldiers.

"We are committed," emphasized MSgt. Roger Witty, PLDC operations chief, "I have 17 reservists who are on active duty supporting this reserve training program. During a cycle, we each put in 70 or more hours a week. We expect our students to work just as hard at soldiering."

The rules at the camp support Witty's philosophy. PLDC students are given haircuts upon arrival. The camp bar and grill is off limits and junk food is confiscated during the field training phase. How do these soldiers react to their new environment?

There was some initial grumbling, but during the last few days it was evident all felt a sense of accomplishment. "I thought I was fit, until I came to the field," recalled Spec. Gail Shoemaker of the 179th Evacuation Hospital. "We all were taught about the different weapons and had to carry that machine gun up and down these hills."

"This is the best training I've received," exclaimed Sgt. Sharon Zablocki, who previously served two years in the Marine Corps and two years in the California National Guard.

During the course, students are challenged in the classroom and under field training conditions. Training in human behavior and motivation, problem solving, effective communication, and ethics gives them the leadership skills they'll need in the field.

"We face a tough situation here because these soldiers are from units all over the Sixth Army area," said SFC Mike Parsons, assistant operations chief. "We need to get them working and thinking as a team. Once they're a team, then we hit them with a simulated artillery barrage which inflicts casualties and necessitates the formation of new squads. Now the leader must interact with a new group. That's leadership at work," insisted Parsons.



Sgt. Sharon Zablocki, 63rd Army Reserve Command, Long Beach, Calif., guards the "enemy" while he is searched for documents.

While in the field each student holds a position of leadership during defensive and offensive operations. The terrain is tough, sleep is a luxury, and the whole experience is designed to test discipline and stamina. Forty-eight hours later, after navigating through deep grass while avoiding thousands of gopher holes that dot the countryside, the students returned to the Sixth Army NCO Academy.

Exhausted, they begin to clean weapons and equipment. Soon they know there will be a shower . . . a good meal . . . and then, graduation.



Spec. Banjamin Osborn, 140th Military Intelligence Battalion, Bell, Calif., throws a smoke grenade to signal the ambush of an "enemy" truck.



Spec. Gail Shoemaker, 179th Evacuation Hospital, San Diego, Calif., takes a break during training at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. The dilapidated World War II buildings lend realism to urban combat training.



After doing battle, a kendo competitor removes his *men* (facemask), revealing distinctive headgear.

Kendo warrior

story and photos by Steve Morey

His steel-covered face hides a determined set of eyes—always on his rival. With a stomp of his bare left foot and an echoing shriek, he charges the faceless warrior in front of him, striking a blow to his opponent's head. His gloved hands and robe-shrouded arms move with lightning quickness, blurring the weapon he wields. Moments later, the "enemies" remove their masks, bow and shake hands.

In kendo, the art of Japanese fencing, winning isn't everything. The priority in this time-honored sport is maintaining discipline. The martial art was featured Sunday in post Gym No. 1 during the 1989 Northern California Kendo Championships.

"The most important part of kendo is your discipline, your behavior during the match," said Akiras Suetake, a 44-year-old kendoist from San Mateo, Calif. "It's something that makes your spirit alive, determined. When you concentrate too much on winning, you fight yourself. If you try to win, you lose."

Suetake said kendo is a defensive game. What happens when a kendoist stresses the offense? "He gets too greedy. That's what hap-



One of three judges for the match signals a point f
flagged player.



After each match, the kendoists bow, *rei,* and shake hands o show mutual respect.

Kendo

s wield weapons in post gym

pened to me today. I psychologically removed myself from the contest and I lost."

Nearly 100 male and female kendoists, called *kenshi,* competed in individual and team matches from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Both children and adults competed in matches *(shiai).* According to the chairman of the Northern California Kendo Federation who sponsored the event, the warriors aged from a mere 6 to one fighter in his 60s.

"You get a sense of 'smartness' as you get older," 45-year-old Masura Ogihara said with a laugh. Ogihara is a sixth *dan* (degree) kendoist and the instructor of a San Mateo *dojo* (club).

"I can usually go out and beat most of the younger, more physically fit players because of my years of experience." Ogihara's been training kendo for more than 30 years, since his junior high school days in Japan.

He stressed the kendo basics: "Good physical fitness and quickness are required. A lot of swordsmanship—like the medieval knight. It's a martial art where you maneuver the *shinai* (stick) and your body more than relying on physical contact.

"And your manners—you must bow *(rei)* before the match, fight, then bow again to your opponent and to the judges when it's over. That shows respect towards each other, your elders and life itself," said Ogihara.

The kendo veteran said Northern California is home to 10 *dojos,* each with 25 to 30 members which includes men, women and children.

One of the women warriors on post Sunday said a kendo championship brings out the best in everyone. Alyne Hazard, 36, from San Jose State University, has been competing since she was 6.

"When I was a kid, I didn't appreciate kendo too much," recalled Hazard. "I missed quite a few slumber parties. In retrospect, though, I've met a lot of people and developed a camaraderie through the years with some great people.

"Kendo is like military training. After all of the ego-deflating and bruises, you learn to appreciate the other guy more 'cause you see what each other goes through.

"When you think of kendo," said Hazard, "it's true what they say, 'It's how you play the game, not if you win or lose.' "



A kendo youngster gets "flagged" for the team competition.





or the white- Gym No. 1's basketball court was turned into a three-ringed, kendo arena.



A Japanese standoff at center court.



he battlegear for Kendo includes the *men;* the kendo stick, *shinai;* and mid-section protection, *dol;* olded beneath the *men.*

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Sports

Post women recruit players

story and photo by Steve Morey

A group of Presidio women spend their weekday mornings as recruiters. They're looking for enthusiastic women who enjoy fresh air, sunshine (and fog!), exercise and the friendly competition of tennis.

Tennis.

You know, the sport which decades ago made the Izod label the talk of the town, and featured the infamous "Battle of the Sexes": Billie Jean King against Bobby Riggs in the early 1970s.

However, the post women say they aren't trying to make headlines with their Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning tennis sessions, which are open for beginners through advanced level players.

"We know there are a lot more women tennis players on post," says Sue Graham, who took the women's open title in the post Tennis Tournament, Aug. 18 through 27.

"**If you're devoted** to the game, you'll find time. Right now, there's not a lot of young gals coming out. Some wives may be interested but are working during the daytime."

Only four women, and 14 men, played in the post tourney. Barbara Gleichenhaus, who finished second to Graham, offers her reasons why there was a meager tournament turnout.

"It's a great vacation time, and the kids are home from school," Gleichenhaus says. "But these are the best tennis courts in the city. You can't beat the atmosphere."

John Funes, the tourney's coordinator who's been with the post Sports Branch for six years agrees. The entry fee for the tennis events was only $5, which included a new can of balls for each match. Funes says each player was guaranteed at least two matches in the double-elimination tourney.

"For the price, that's unheard of outside of the Presidio," adds Funes. "Last year, we had a good turnout."

In 1988, nearly 40 players hit the courts, including 26 men in men's open division. However, like this year, there were only four women who competed.

Meanwhile, Graham and Gleichenhaus say they hope to recruit more members for their morning sessions, held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

"We have a good time when we get together," says Graham. "We have serious and not-so-serious players, so we match everyone's talents with someone on the same level."

"That's why it's so good when we get together," Gleichenhaus says. "We can share tennis tips and help each other out."

For more information about the post women's tennis group, call Sandy Halsey, **381-0654**, evenings.



Sue Graham serves up a winner against Barbara Gleichenhaus.



photo by Jim Hudgins

Presidio '10' run

The ninth annual "Presidio 10" Run was held on post Aug. 20. Known in running circles as one of the most beautiful race courses in the world, this year's event drew nearly 2,000 participants.

This year's winner was James Heady, who ran the 10-mile race in 54 minutes and 26 seconds. The first military runner was Presidio's own Sgt. Luther Camp of the Law Enforcement Company, who ran the event in 59:40.

Sponsored by "The Guardsmen," a local businessmen's organization, monies raised are used to help Bay Area underprivileged youth.

Sport Notes

Corporate running challenge

The Presidio Running Team accepted the challenge of corporate fitness at the recent Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge running race Aug. 16.

This annual 3.4-mile team race through downtown San Francisco featured more than 5,000 full-time workers representing 300 companies in the Bay Area.

Team members were Lon Kincannon (LAIR), Wilfredo Norat (USAISC), John Costigan (6th Army), Robert Barger (Co. A, LAMC), and Bob Darling (Family Fitness). The next major team challenge for the post team will be the five-mile Fleet Week Challenge on Oct. 8.

If you are a competitive and fit runner (male or female), call Darling at **561-4120** or **561-4131**.

Fall bowling sign-ups

Sign-ups begin now for the winter bowling leagues which start in September at the Presidio Bowling Center. Leagues are limited to 12 teams; so sign up early and secure a position for yourself or your team.

League	Starting date	Day and time
Monday noontime Intramural	Sept. 11	Monday, 11:30 a.m.
DPCS Mixed League	Sept. 11	Monday, 5:45 p.m.
Sports Branch Intramural	Sept. 12	Tuesday, 3 p.m.
Singles Scratch	Sept. 12	Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Hui-O-Hawaii	Sept. 8	Friday, 6 p.m.
Reno Bowling League	Sept. 17	Sunday, 1 p.m.

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She needs 200 hours of leave to help her and her family. If you would like to donate some of your annual leave, call Katie Malone in Management Employee Relations, Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-2255** or **561-2840.**

Commissary council

The meeting for the Commissary Council has been changed to *tomorrow* at 9:30 a.m. at the Commissary Conference Room in building 252.

Crisis intervention training

The Presidio Crisis Line is offering 16 hours of crisis intervention, interpersonal communication skills training. This training is free in exchange for volunteer time on the Crisis Line. The training will be Sept. 13, 16 and 20. Meet new people, increase your skills, take care of your own! Child care assistance is available.

Call Nancy Niederhauser at Army Community Service, at **561-5155** for information and training times.

Thrift Shop

The next Flea Market is Sept. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table, valid military ID card and a $5 fee.

The Thrift Shop also is open Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to be a Thrift Shop volunteer, call **922-3384.** The shop pays bridge tolls and child care.

Recycling

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Officers' course

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Keith Coogan plays a California teenager who befriends an orphaned cheetah in Africa. Now showing in Bay Area theaters.

GRA, GRE tests

The Fort Scott Education Center will administer the Graduate Management Admission Test Oct. 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The GMAT is given free to active or reserve soldiers who plan to pursue a master's degree in business. The test must be ordered by Sept. 11, during a counseling session.

The Graduate Record Examination will be given Oct. 17 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school. There is no fee, but you must order your examination by **Tuesday.**

Call an education counselor at the LAMC Education Center, **561-3692,** or the Fort Scott Education Center, **561-2974.**

Computer club

The monthly meeting of the Presidio Macintosh User's Group is Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 667. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call **561-4560** for information.

Soccer coach needed

Youth Soccer is looking for a volunteer to coach the team of players younger than age 6. Experience in coaching and/or playing is helpful. Call Allen Posey at **562-5051** if you're interested.

Cub Scout registration

Cub Scout registration is Wednesday for Presidio Pack 77. This registration is for boys entering the first through fifth grades who are new to the Presidio Cub Scouts. Registration will take place in building 563, the Scout Hut, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and costs $7.

Call Terry Stinnett, **752-3208** (evenings) for information.

ITT news

Spaces on the Sept. 16 Tahoe trip are almost gone. Lodging and transportation costs $35 a person for double occupancy; sign-up now!

Renaissance Pleasure Faire tickets are on sale now for $9.50 (that's a $3 savings). The fair runs weekends Sept. 2 through Oct. 8 at Black Point Forest in Novato, Calif.

An old-fashioned ice cream social is coming soon. ITT will sell discount tickets; $11 for adults and $6.50 for children.

Looking for hockey action? ITT will take prepaid orders for the Winipeg Jets vs. Pittsburgh Penguin game at the Oakland Coliseum. Tickets cost $17.25.

To sign up or buy tickets for any of these events, call ITT at **561-3992.**

Computer class

The Education Center is giving Presidians a chance to learn first-hand all about computers in their Introduction to Microcomputers class. The first class, Mondays from Sept. 18 to Oct. 2, is available only to soldiers. A second class will be offered Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Call **561-4445** or **561-3692** to enroll.

YA ballet

Youth Activities ballet lessons for children ages six and older will begin next week. Students will learn classical ballet.

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Parent training

Parent effectiveness training classes give Presidio parents an opportunity to learn new ways to communicate with and understand their children. Techniques for resolving family conflicts are stressed as well.

The classes are held Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 21 through Nov. 9, at the Religious Activities Center.

For information, call Maj. Janice Collins at **561-4268.**

AUSA meeting

The Association of the United States Army will hold its September luncheon Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the NCO Club. Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, will be the guest speaker. Call SGM Oscar Patton at **651-4847** for information. The reservation deadline is Sept. 13.

POWC

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club and the Letterman Auxiliary will sponsor a brunch at the Officers' Club Sept. 7. Newcomers will be welcomed at the meeting and members can sign up for activities.

Make your reservations by noon **today.** Cancellations will be accepted until noon tomorrow. POWC members can call Geri Margetts at **563-9807.** Letterman Auxiliary members may call either Susan Klusman, **387-8517** during the day, or Christy Madeo at **921-2868** in the evenings.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Aug. 31: UHF (PG-13), 7 p.m. Weird Al Yankovic, Michael Richards. Weird Al is put in charge of a money-losing TV station and soon turns it profitable with his collection of strange TV shows.

Fri, Sept. 1: UHF (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 2: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (PG), 7 p.m. Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd. A private eye who lives in a magical world where humans co-exist with cartoon characters, does some super sleuthing when Roger Rabbit is implicated in a dastardly crime.

Sun, Sept. 3: Weekend at Bernie's (PG-13), 7 p.m. Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silver. Two office buddies who uncover a $2 million insurance scam are invited to spend the weekend at their bosses' fabulous beach house as a reward.

Mon, Sept. 4: Weekend at Bernie's (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 5: Weekend at Bernie's (PG-13) , 7 p.m.

Wed, Sept. 6: Pet Sematary (R), 7 p.m. Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwyne. A family moves from Chicago to a small town in Maine only to discover that their house is next to an ancient Indian burial ground that brings corpses back to life.

Thu, Sept. 7: Do the Right Thing (R), 7 p.m. Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis. A spunky and spirited film with a strong message concerning human nature and relationships in a racially mixed Brooklyn neighborhood.

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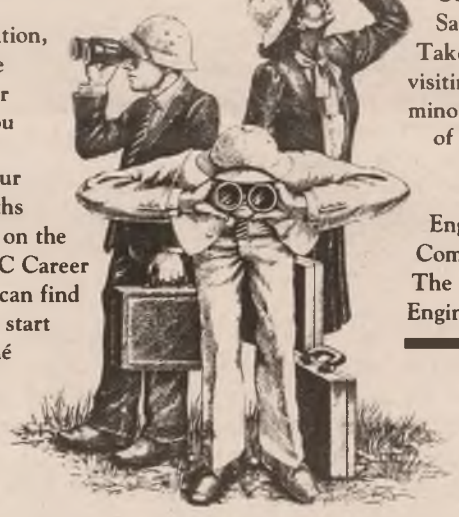
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Vehicle registration

The Provost Marshal Office reminds Presidians that anyone who lives or works on post, or often uses Presidio facilities, is required to register his or her vehicle. The PMO vehicle registration office is located in building 36 and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PMO closes

The Provost Marshal offices will be closed Sept. 22 to celebrate the Military Police regimental anniversary. The MP desk will remain open.

New employee orientation

The Civilian Personnel Directorate is holding an orientation for Presidio employees hired from June 1 through Aug. 31, 1989. The meeting is Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Training and Audiovisual Support Auditorium, building 603. Call Debby Vitale at 561-2554 for information.

Toy recall

Mattel's Spin and Play rattles, models A3255, A3266, 2852 and 2772, are being recalled because of a possible choking hazard. If Presidians have bought one of these, bring it back to the store. These toys are not considered safe and should not be given to children.

Army News Service

Full-length photos

The Training Support Center has changed the days photographers shoot full length photos. The new days and hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

ID cards

Starting Oct. 1, all ID cards (with the exception of active duty and reserve soldier ID cards) will be issued on an appointment-only basis. Appointments are between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 561-3478, or stop by building 86 to schedule an appointment. One day before your scheduled appointment, a clerk will telephone to confirm your information and give further instructions.

Emergency ID card replacements will normally be handled between 2 and 3 p.m. daily. Civilian ID cards are issued only on Mondays. All other ID cards—for family members, DEERS enrollment, retirees—are issued on an appointment basis Monday through Friday. Active duty and reserve soldiers still may have cards issued on a walk-in basis, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Dr. Delores Baugh chats with Presidians after the post's Women's Equality Day program.

Educator challenges women

story and photo by Steve Morey

It was back to the classroom for 250 women and men during the Women's Equality Day program at the NCO Club Aug. 30. San Francisco educator and author, Dr. Delores Baugh, used visual aids—including candy bars and vegetables—to speak to her "students" on the theme, "Women of Strength and Vision Meeting the Challenge."

If those in attendance had tremendous foresight, they could've all brought apples for the "teacher."

The afternoon luncheon, address and entertainment was sponsored by the Federal Women's Program of the post's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. FWP Manager, Ann Williams, said a lot has been done in the 69 years since the 19th Amendment passed, which gave women the right to vote.

"But there is still so much to be done in the area of hiring and career advancement for women," said Williams, who is an EEO specialist. "Reach for the stars, for you can be all you can be."

Following Williams, Col. William D. Swift, commander of Presidio's U.S. Army Garrison, introduced Baugh as a person who "really gives a hoot. She really cares about educating children, teenagers and adults—not only in San Francisco, but wherever education needs help."

Baugh then took command of the NCO Club's main ballroom. The native San Franciscan started with a five-minute walk among the guests, accompanied by the singing of Shirley Graves from the Directorate of Logistics.

While Graves sang "Ordinary People," Baugh shook hands and chatted with people at nearly every table. The crowd looked surprised; little did they know, the educational "show" had just begun.

"Why am I doing this?" the renowned educator shouted. "Because I'm a person just like you. We're honest, hard working and refreshingly sincere."

Baugh is the director and founder of Baugh and Associates, and "Dee's Helping Hands." Both agencies provide educational counseling and tutorial services to parents, schools and communities.

She then asked the audience to stand, stretch and introduce themselves to, and shake hands with people sitting near them.

"Look around you," she said with outstretched arms. "These are ordinary people just like you. But it's your efforts—doing so many different

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Voices

'Johnny' not alone in search of reading skills

by Liz Greeley

Like everyone else, I've heard the hackneyed phrase, "Johnny can't read," and "Why Johnny can't read." Do the phrasemakers know "Joe Supervisor can't read well either?"

Recently, I was in a group where several of us were asked to read aloud. Some read well; others had trouble. I remember one man had a particularly difficult time, especially with the word 'discern'.

I won't name names, but none of the people I was with was a junior Presidio employee. Each person had people working under his or her direction; perhaps only one, but each was a leader, a supervisor, a section chief, or *something* similar.

Frankly, I found it frightening to discover some person who has trouble **reading** is going to develop performance standards, write performance evaluations, and document overall performance.

Though this person certainly *wasn't alone* in this group; I wouldn't want to be his employee. I wouldn't want to work for his comrades either. For instance, what if a person with poor reading skills misunderstands written instructions? What if he/she then gives the **wrong instructions** to his or her employees?

It's frightening, but America seems to have realized the illiteracy rate in this country is extremely high. But what the country (other than blaming teachers) is going to **do** about it, I don't know.

Maybe Johnny can't read, because Dad (Joe Supervisor) can't *teach* him. Dad (or Mom) doesn't want to admit to young Johnny he won't teach him how to read because he really doesn't know how to do it. So Dad or Mom is too "busy" to help Johnny, while praying the schools are doing their jobs ... better than *their* schools or parents.

Well, like Johnny and lots of other kids, I didn't learn how to read in school. Yes, I paid attention to the teacher, but the entire concept eluded me. For a child entering the first grade, if he or



she hasn't been introduced to it before, reading is a difficult, completely abstract concept.

No, school didn't teach me how to read; my Uncle Woody taught me how to read. My aunt and uncle happened to be visiting, and Uncle Woody decided to help me with my reading, I guess. Uncle Woody was **extremely** patient, and just kept going over the lesson in the school book with me.

"See this picture? What is it?"

"It's an apple," I said. (I was still afraid he'd get frustrated, and yell at me.)

"Okay, see this word here? What does it mean?"

"I don't know."

"It means 'apple'. Now spell out the letters. Apple. A-p-p-l-e." Then he pointed from the word to the picture and said, "apple."

I must have been over that lesson a million times. Uncle Woody probably went over it with me at least a hundred times that day, but *this* time something clicked and I stopped worrying about being yelled at. I paused for a moment, absorbing this revelation. It really *was* as if the scales suddenly fell away from my eyes, and all was revealed to me. The world of print no longer was a mystery. I was AMAZED at the immensity of what the word 'apple' meant—it meant there was a word, a combination of letters—which stood for every **thing**.

But what would have happened if Uncle Woody hadn't been there to teach me? What if I only had been yelled at for being so 'slow'? Perhaps I eventually would have learned to read after a fashion. But I'm sure my self-esteem would have plummeted, and my teachers probably would have described me as "well-behaved, but not very bright." Do *I* think the Joe (and Josephine) Supervisors are dumb? Hardly! I still remember how hard reading was for me—later a 7th and 8th grade spelling champion.

Would I have become a writer-editor of the *Star Presidian*? Being able to write and edit stories well enough to work for an Army newspaper strikes me as farfetched under those different circumstances. I can't even *imagine* what would have happened to me without the fruits of my uncle's labors.

My guess is Johnny needs similar help with reading. But if Johnny's parents have trouble with it, how is he going to learn? Well, I have a suggestion, as you may have guessed.

There already are literacy programs in the city, but what about a program on the Presidio? Why not? Why can't *Presidians* help the Joe and Josephine Supervisors?

But remenber, Joe and Josephine must have been keeping their reading problem under wraps *all these years*. If enrolling in a literacy program threatened the job, *no one* would enroll.

What if, say, the Education Center or Army Community Service or someone else wanted to start a program, perhaps with *anonymous* students. I would volunteer to teach. I'll bet lots of other Presidians would like to help the Joe and Josephine Supervisors and others out there.

I'll tell you *something else: My* favorite Army saying is, "The Army takes care of its own."

Ramblin' Sam

"What have you done lately to improve your health?"



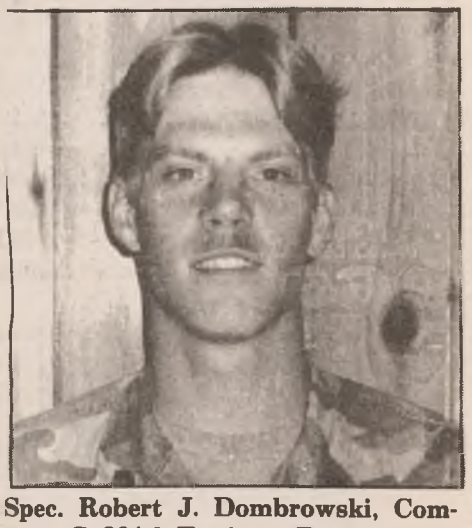
Spec. David D. Ricketts, Headquarters Company, USAG: "Cutting down on cholesterol, and I'm trying to exercise more. I'm also trying to reduce stress by breathing deeply."



Rosa Gonzales, food service worker, Headquarters Command Battalion Consolidated Dining Facility: "I go to the gym and do aerobics. I don't eat fatty foods, just plenty of vegetables. I'm a vegetarian."



Marsha D. Humphries, staffing assistant, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "I've been eating right and exercising—eating more vegetables and riding a stationary bike in my house."



Spec. Robert J. Dombrowski, Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion: "I don't drink as much as I used to, and I'm keeping my heart rate above 80 percent during PT in the mornings. That's helped me to raise my PT score from 211 to 255 [out of 300].

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Baugh meets Jo Harrison, wife of Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander.

jobs—that make the operation of San Francisco's Presidio possible."

Baugh, as well as Swift and other soldiers, also commended the dozens of male soldiers and civilians in attendance. SSgt. Nancy Sakal-Gonzalez, from Headquarters Company, USAG, said, "I was surprised to see so many guys here. It is nice to have them here to support women's equality—they just don't say they do."

Clutching candy bars in her hand, one at a time, Baugh wove a tale of women's equality. For example she said, "Life isn't always a bit of honey," as she displayed a red-and-yellow wrapped bar. "Sometimes we're faced with insurmountable odds."

She continued, holding up another candy package. "Not everyone believes in what we can do. They will, **now or later,**" said Baugh, much to the delight of the applauding crowd.

Baugh again stressed that the "ordinary" people, both women and men, are a vital part of the mission on the Presidio. "It seems appropriate that I should congratulate you, because there may be times when you feel you're taken for granted, not appreciated. You might be asked to do a task, and then the supervisor who requested your help forgets to thank you for a job well done."

Baugh said Presidians shouldn't dwell on the negative aspects of their job—unappreciative supervisors, the base closure issue or office gossiping. Rather, she said, they should focus on positive influences such as saying, "Good morning!" to a co-worker.

Switching from candy to vegetables (a piece of white squash), Baugh urged the crowd to "squash" anything that keeps them from having a positive environment.

"I want each of you to be a person who will do something different. Don't put yourselves down. Build yourselves up. We are the people who keep the country going.

"We're ordinary people doing ordinary things—making changes in the way we live and improving the quality of our lives."

Raising high a head of lettuce, she added, "Let us make a change. Let us get behind each other for support. Let us accept the challenge and keep fighting for equality."

After the NCO Club had emptied, Sgt. Padraic J. Lannon from Headquarters Company, USAG, called the afternoon program a "morale builder, a pep rally" for Presidians.

Lannon said Baugh "stressed that today we're going to celebrate our accomplishments, which are many and varied. She's definitely a positive influence on women.

"One thing she said sticks out in my mind," he added. "There's plenty of famous women; but ordinary women count, too.'"

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POW/MIA Day rekindles hope for veterans' loved ones

by Mary A. Peterson

Sept. 15 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day—a time to honor America's returned prisoners of war and to rekindle the resolve to account for American servicemen still missing.

The post will honor POWs and MIAs during a 4 p.m. retreat ceremony at Pershing Square on Sept. 15.

Since some 590 American prisoners of the Vietnam War were released from North Vietnam in March 1973, the Department of Defense and the U.S. government have strived to account for 2,344 Americans still listed as prisoners or unaccounted for.

Since 1974, 391 sets of remains have been returned to the United States from Vietnam, of which 209 have been determined to be those of missing Americans. Since the mission of retired Army Gen. John W. Vessey, special presidential emissary, to Hanoi in August 1987, the Vietnamese government has repatriated 227 remains. Of those, the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii has positively identified 65 as American servicemen listed on the Missing in Action and Prisoner of War rosters.

The most recent identification was on Aug. 1 when the Department of Defense released the names of the remains of three service members.

The most recent repatriation occurred July 31 when 15 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. servicemen were turned over to U.S. military officials. As in previous actions, the Central Identification Laboratory will examine the remains to establish positive identification.

The United States is also making efforts to gain access to North Korea where an estimated 6,000 Americans are still unaccounted for—including 389 who were listed as prisoners of war.

In his address to the members of the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in July, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney reinforced DoD's strong support for the recovery effort.

"We have an enormous task before us made more difficult by the political realities of Southeast Asia. No matter how difficult, our dedication to this search must not wane," Cheney said.

"We continue to take very seriously all reports of live prisoners. The answers to this most vexing issue lie with the Indochinese governments, not here in Washington," Cheney said. "The burden is on them to supply satisfactory answers to this sensitive question."

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The POW/MIA and U.S. flags are raised during last year's reveille ceremony at Pershing Square.

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Bicycling

Couch potatoes change into pedal pushers

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Fitness just may be the new all-American pastime. Former couch potatoes and jocks alike are joining health clubs by the dozens to while away unwanted pounds and improve fitness.

What many Presidians may not realize is that aerobic exercise is not limited to the hip-swaying antics of the trendy. Aerobic activities include running, walking and bicycling.

According to Dr. Jack McKenzie, a physiologist with the Department of Military Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School, bicycling is a good aerobic alternative because it can eliminate or even reduce orthopedic injuries.

"When people run, their feet pound against the running surface and there is a lot of stress on the body, especially on the knees and ankles. That's not a problem with bicycling," McKenzie recently told a journalist with the American Forces Information Service.

However, anyone considering taking up bicycling needs to take a few safety tips into account first.

More important even than the type of bicycle you buy is your **helmet**. A Consumer Product Safety Commission study revealed that 75 percent of all bicycle-related deaths—about 1,000 each year—are the result of brain injuries. The study found that wearing a helmet could have prevented most of those fatalities.

Look for these when buying a bicycle helmet:

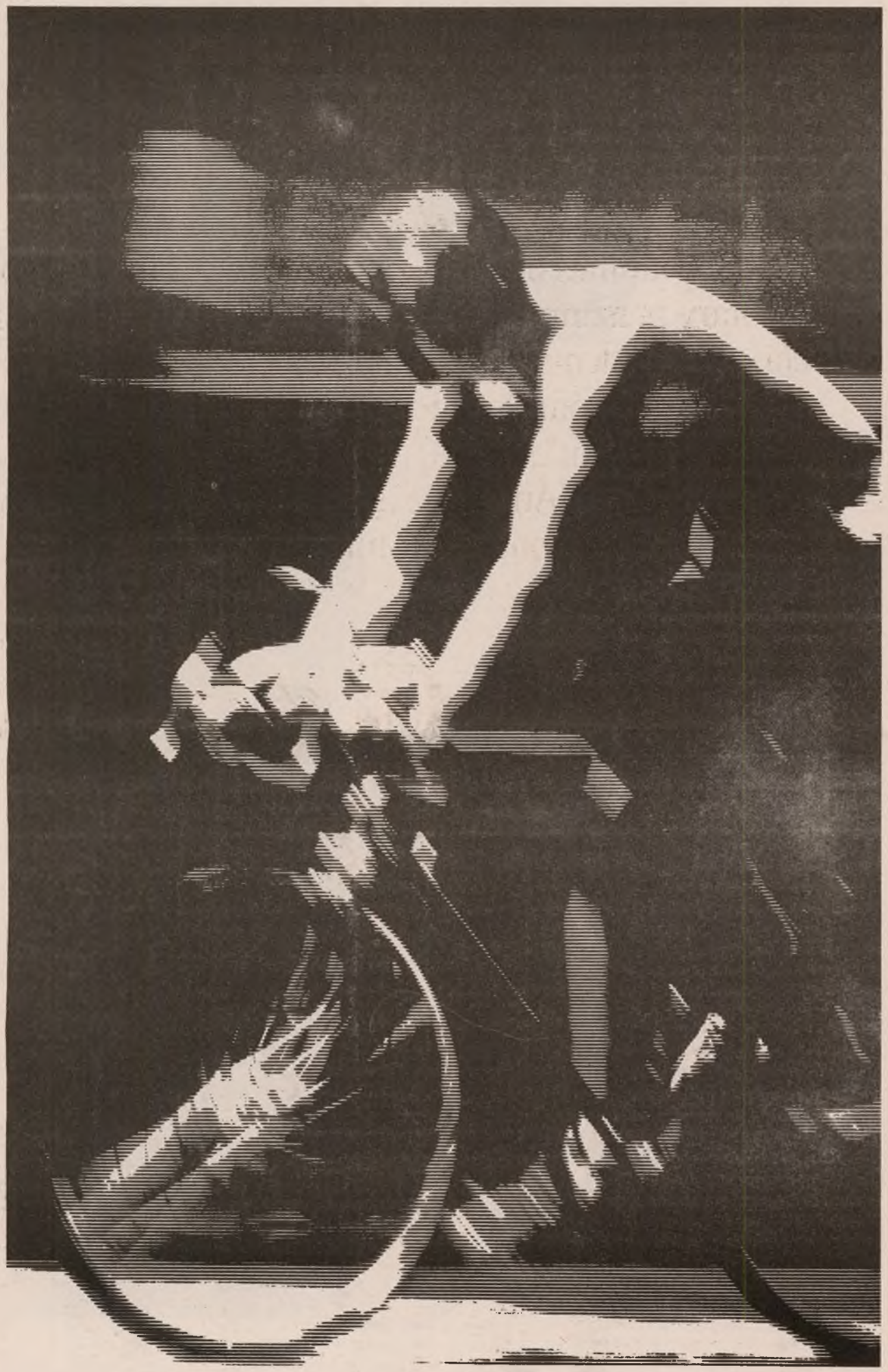
- A stiff outer shell to evenly distribute impact;
- energy-absorbing liner;
- chin-strap and fastener; and
- acceptance by the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American National Standards Institute, two organizations which test helmets.

Once you've selected a helmet, get a good bicycle. Be sure the one you choose fits correctly. The rule of thumb: straddle the bike with both feet flat on the ground. There should be one or two inches between the groin and the top tube. If you plan to buy an all-terrain bike and use it off-road, be sure there is more clearance. This will enable you to dismount more quickly.

According to Jim Fremont of the Bicycle Institute of America, there are three kinds of bikes on the market today: a multi-speed touring bicycle, more commonly called a 10-speed; a racing bicycle and an all-terrain or off-road bike. The newest of the three, the all-terrain bicycle has wide tires and a sturdy frame.

Here are some tips for smooth pedaling:

- Toe clips and straps increase efficiency;
- Make sure the seat—or saddle—is adjusted to the right height. When fully extended, your legs should be almost, but not quite, straight;
- Don't lean too far over. This position is tiring and can cause back strain. Raise the handlebars if they force you to lean forward;
- Obey traffic laws and use hand signals;
- When you first start out on your new bike use a low gear. As you get stronger you can switch to higher gears;
- Consider buying bicycle shorts, which have a padded seat and are especially cut to reduce friction. Gloves may be useful for long distance riding. Water containers and a tire pump may be other purchases to consider.



But how does it feel to spend your time whirling away on the roads? Said one Letterman Army Medical Center soldier who has ridden and competed for 10 years, "Bicycling keeps me physically and mentally fit.

"It's as strenuous as you make it. I don't ride to look at the birds and bees; I ride to train. I train very hard to ride as fast as possible for as long as possible."

If you think you may be interested in cycling but aren't sure, consider renting a bicycle from Outdoor Recreation. They have single or three-speed bicycles available for $6.50 a day or $26 a week. Ten-speeds (when they are available) are $7 a day or $28 a week. Call **561-4324** for information.

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Golden Gate Park hides many secrets

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

San Franciscans seem to have a secret little known to the rest of the world; they are rarely, if ever, bored.

With the thousands of restaurants, miles of waterfront, and dozens of parks, San Francisco is something of a paradise for those with a bit of initiative and a few hours of free time.

Centerpiece to the city, is the much touted Golden Gate Park. With more than 1,000 acres, this urban greenbelt offers visitors a wide array of activities. On a single day, you can enjoy world-renowned works of art, listen to a symphony, sip traditionally brewed Japanese tea and see exotic plants.

A visit to the M.D. deYoung Museum is something of a potluck experience. There are endlessly changing exhibits, many of which have drawn hundreds of thousands of culture-craved visitors. Last summer for example, Andrew Wyeth's Helga exhibit was enormously popular. Well-attended exhibits in the past have included the treasures of Tutankamen and works of the French Impressionists.

Next to the museum is the Japanese Tea Garden with its Moon Bridge and Buddha statue. If you close your eyes you can easily imagine you've been whisked to the Orient.

Across the street is the Band Concourse. Each weekend free symphony, jazz and other concerts flood the area.

Passersby are invited to stop, take a seat on the benches and enjoy the San Francisco concert in the park tradition.

Other areas of interest include the Conservatory, the park's oldest building. Built in 1878, this greenhouse shelters thousands of tropical plants and flowers; from the showy orchid to the familiar spider plants of household fame.

Always popular with children is the California Academy of Sciences which houses the Morrison Planetarium and the Steinhart Aquarium. The two seemingly perennial favorites, stars and dolphins, have been known to keep many a child occupied for an entire visit.

Strybing Arboretum, the children's playground, and the Dutch windmill are all sights to see on a stroll through the park.

All in all, Golden Gate Park is just one of the not-so-secret hangouts of city residents with their sights on adventure.



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The statue of Buddha graces the park's Japanese Tea Garden.



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The park's ponds and grassy knolls offer a relaxing atmosphere.

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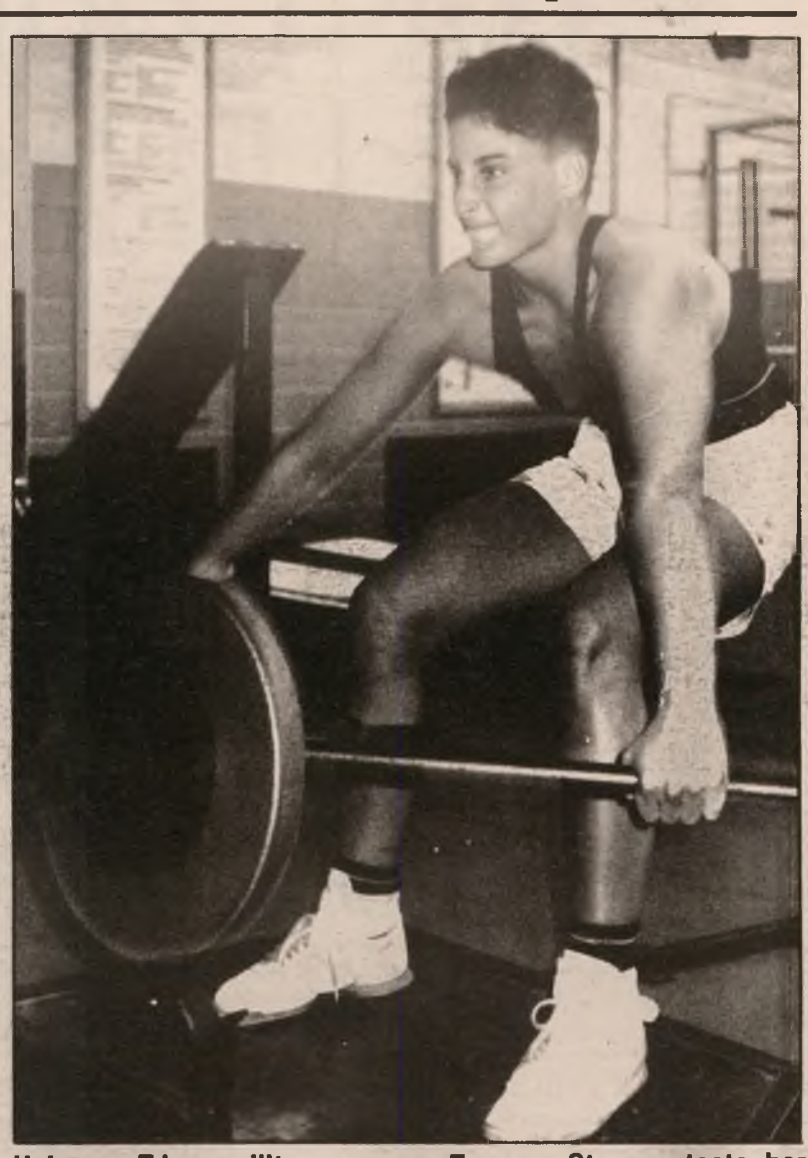
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Raymond Mooren, from the Defense Investigative Service on post, concentrates on a set of dumbbell presses.



Using a T-bar, military spouse Frances Stevens tests her latissimus dorsi, or "lats" (lower back and side muscles).

Powerlifters muscle through daily workouts

story and photos by Steve Morey

Musclemen. Musclewomen. Powerlifters. Gut-busters. Hunks. Hunkettes. Muscle-bound men and women walk through post everyday, yet their uniforms, whether Army or civilian, hide their well-toned, detailed bodies.

You'd probably appreciate their size and strength after watching them work out in the free weight room in Gym No. 1.

The Presidio "giants" gather from 4 to about 6 p.m. each night, pushing their bodies to exhaustible limits. Their imposing figures cast fine-tuned shadows on the weight benches and occupy the entire reflection from a mirror. They strut around the blue-padded floor, stretching their arms and legs between sets.

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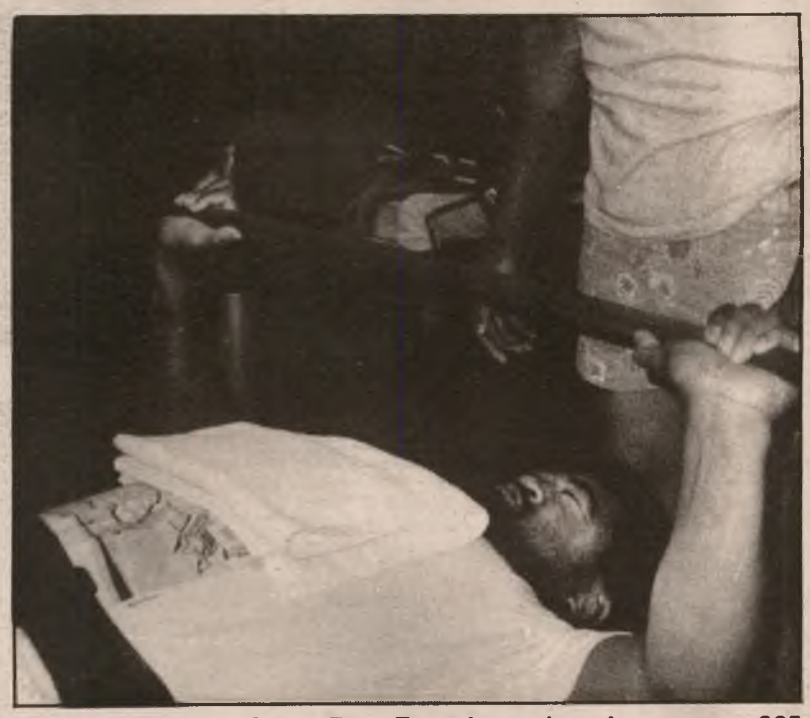
After a shower and a sauna, the street clothes go back on, a tad tighter than they were two hours before. The powerlifters exchange goodbyes, then head home for the night.

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Active duty and reserve soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees, and their family members, can use the free weight room, and the adjoining Nautilus room.

The Gym No. 1 rooms are open 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily, and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Nautilus classes are offered Mondays and Wednesdays, starting at 5:45 p.m. for about an hour.

For more information, call the Sports Branch at 561-4131 or 561-5032.



Dennis Folauoo, from San Francisco, bench presses 365 pounds. Folauoo was a guest of the Sport Branch's Steve Sauafea.

Sport Notes

Bowling coach needed

Youth Activities is looking for an experienced bowler to volunteer as a bowling coach on Saturday mornings. Interested people must be able to work with children 6 to 19 years old, be a soldier, family member or Department of Army civilian. To find out more, call the Youth Activities Center at 561-5143.

Soccer coach needed

Youth Soccer is looking for a volunteer to coach the team of players younger than age 6. Experience in coaching and/or playing is helpful. Call Allen Posey at 562-5051 if you're interested.

Fall bowling sign-ups

Sign-ups begin now for the winter bowling leagues which start in September at the Presidio Bowling Center. Leagues are limited to 12 teams; so sign up early and secure a position for yourself or your team.

League	Starting date	Day and time
Monday noontime Intramural	Monday	Monday, 11:30 a.m.
DPCS Mixed League	Monday	Monday, 5:45 p.m.
Sports Branch Intramural	Tuesday	Tuesday, 3 p.m.
Singles Scratch	Tuesday	Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Hui-O-Hawaii	tomorrow	Friday, 6 p.m.
Reno Bowling League	Sept. 17	Sunday, 1 p.m.

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Community Calendar

Cake decorating

Learn to make an ordinary cake into a work of art. In just four classes you'll learn to make icing borders, colorful piping, and to write on cakes.

The next class starts tomorrow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Presidio Arts and Crafts Center. The fee is $17 and supplies are extra. You must pay in advance. Call Dean Steiner at **561-4497** to find out more.

Volksmarch

Mather Air Force Base is sponsoring the ninth annual Air Force Volksmarch Saturday and Sunday. The site of the 10-kilometer walk will be Treasure Island. Everyone is invited to attend. Starting times are between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The walk is free, but a $5 fee will be charged to anyone wanting an award. For information, call **765-6361** or **(916) 364-2451.**

Speed reading

Improve your reading speed by enrolling in the Education Center's speed reading course. The workshop is free and may be useful for soldiers attending school. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Sept. 27. To reserve a space, call the Fort Scott Education Center at **561-2974** or the LAMC Education Center at **561-3692.**

Thrift Shop

The next Flea Market is Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a table.

The Thrift Shop is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to be a Thrift Shop volunteer, call **922-3384.** The shop pays bridge tolls and child care.

Crisis intervention training

The Presidio Crisis Line is offering 16 hours of crisis intervention, interpersonal communication skills training. This training is free in exchange for volunteer time on the Crisis Line. The training will be Wednesday, Sept. 16 and 20. Meet new people, increase your skills, take care of your own! Child care assistance is available.

Call Nancy Niederhauser at Army Community Service, at **561-5155** for information and training times.



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'The Package'

Gene Hackman (l) and Tommy Lee Jones star in Orion Pictures' new thriller, *The Package*, now showing in Bay Area theaters.

Girl Scouts

It's scouting time again. Girls in kindergarten to ninth grade can join the Presidio Girl Scouts. Come to Parent Information Night, Monday at 6:30 p.m. in building 563 if you are interested in finding out more. People interested in becoming a scout leader are invited to attend as well. Call Janice George at **387-0256** for information.

AUSA meeting

The Association of the United States Army will hold its September luncheon Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the NCO Club. Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander, will be the guest speaker. Call SGM Oscar Patton at **651-4847** for information. The reservation deadline is Wednesday.

Creative Cottage

If you have a certain artistic flair and would like to earn extra money, consider consigning your work to the Creative Cottage. Crafts will be accepted from soldiers, family members and Presidio civilians. The cottage is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month. Call **567-9193** for information.

Job hunters

The USO and an employment agency for temporary workers will host a workshop Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. at the USO, building 223.

Military spouses are invited to attend and find out more about local companies which are hiring, what skills are most in demand and how much you can expect to earn. You will be able to get help on resume' preparation and interviewing techniques.

The workshop is free but you must make a reservation. Call **561-2436** Tuesday through Friday to be sure you have a space.

Recycling

The recycling office is in building 1244, the Fort Scott printing plant. To schedule your office's white paper pick-up, call **561-6140.**

Blood drive

The next blood drive is Sept. 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sept. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in LAMC's Schwartz Theater. This is a joint blood drive for the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center. For information call Capt. Cathy E. Leppiaho at **561-2560.**

Computer class

The Education Center is giving Presidians a chance to learn firsthand all about computers in their Introduction to Microcomputers class. The first class, Mondays from Sept. 18 to Oct. 2, is available only to soldiers. A second class will be offered Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Call **561-4445** or **561-3692** to enroll.

YA ballet

Youth Activities ballet lessons for children ages six and older will begin next week. Students will learn classical ballet.

They can attend once a week for $30 a month; twice weekly for $36 a month; or three times a week for $42 monthly.

Enroll now before classes are filled. For information, call Helen Piernik at **994-0681**, between noon and 2 p.m.

Parent training

Parent effectiveness training classes give Presidio parents an opportunity to learn new ways to communicate with and understand their children. Techniques for resolving family conflicts are stressed as well.

The classes are held Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 21 through Nov. 9, at the Religious Activities Center.

For information, call Maj. Janice Collins at **561-268.**

Officers' course

The Command and General Staff Officer course is offered by the 6227th United States Army Reserve Forces school. Classes begin after Oct. 1. To find out more, call Manuel P. Mier at **561-4377** or **561-6019.**

Leave donation request

A Sixth U.S. Army employee recently was hospitalized for six weeks as a result of a serious illness. She used all advanced leave and is now in a leave without pay status.

This employee is a single mother and sole supporter of two small children.

She needs 200 hours of leave to help her and her family. If you would like to donate some of your annual leave, call Katie Malone in Management Employee Relations, Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-2255** or **561-2840.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Sept. 7: Do the Right Thing (R), 7 p.m. Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis. A spunky and spirited film with a strong message concerning human nature and relationships in a racially mixed Brooklyn neighborhood.

Fri, Sept. 8: Do the Right Thing (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 9: Batman (PG-13), 7 p.m. Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton. In the darkened recesses along the littered streets of a crime-ridden Gotham City lurks a menacing and mysterious figure, a gallant crime fighter, a psychologically tormented vigilante, a brooding caped crusader.

Sun, Sept. 10: Batman (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 11: Batman (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 12: Batman (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Wed, Sept. 13: Licence to Kill (PG-13), 7 p.m. Timothy Dalton, Carey Lowell. Agent 007, temporarily relieved of his "license to kill" status, strikes off on a personal mission of vengeance that leads him to the Central America hideout of a vicious drug baron.

Thu, Sept. 14: Licence to Kill (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 15: Licence to Kill (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Sept. 8: Hannah's War (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
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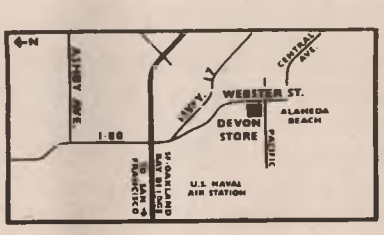
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News Briefs

Outside phone line

Starting Sept. 22, to dial all commercial calls outside the 415 area code you must add a "1" before the number. If you need assistance or more information, call the telephone help center at 561-3287.

PMO closes

The Provost Marshal offices will be closed Sept. 22 to celebrate the Military Police regimental anniversary. The MP desk will remain open.

Toy recall

Mattel's Spin and Play rattles, models A3255, A3266, 2852 and 27772, are being recalled because of a possible choking hazard. If Presidians have bought one of these, bring it back to the store. These toys are not considered safe and should not be given to children.

Army News Service

PLDC and promotion

Promotable specialists and corporals who have not graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course will not lose their status when PLDC becomes a prerequisite for promotion to sergeant Oct. 1.

This change will protect Presidio soldiers' eligibility for promotion while they wait for PLDC training seats.

Under modified rules, soldiers may continue to be recommended for promotion to sergeant, even though they have not completed PLDC.

The change will allow commanders to recommend specialists and corporals for promotion to sergeant without regard to PLDC graduation. However, they will not be promoted until they graduate from the course. This will be the case even if they exceed the announced monthly military occupational specialty cutoff scores. In that case, their promotion would be delayed until the first day of the month after they graduate from PLDC.

Personnel Command

New policy on measles-mumps-rubella vaccine

The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a new policy on the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine. A second dose at the time a child begins middle school or junior high school is now required.

Children in this age range may come to LAMC's Pediatric Clinic with their health record and shot record between 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. to receive this immunization.

For information call 561-3202 or 561-2447.



photo by Joel P. Smith

POW speaks out tomorrow

by Steve Morey

"Be prepared for war and for the consequences when you surrender. And never forget any of our soldiers who have been taken prisoner or are still missing."

That's the advice of tomorrow's guest speaker at the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony on Pershing Square at 4 p.m. The post ceremony is part of a nationwide tribute to former prisoners of war, to those still missing in action, and their families.

World War II veteran and former POW, Edward A. Fisher, talked to the *Star Presidian* about the ceremony's significance and his time as a POW.

"There are those of us [POWs] who just as well would like to forget about the whole thing," said Fisher, a POW for 33 months following the U.S. and Philippine surrender of Bataan and Corregidor to Japan on April 9, 1942.

"There's nothing heroic about being a POW. That's the price you pay when you go to war. That goes with the turf. However, we must try our best not to let it happen again. Let America be prepared."

The former Army sergeant, now 70, was 23 years old when he and nearly 12,000 U.S. and 64,000 Philippine soldiers were forced to trudge the "Bataan Death March." Fisher said the 55-mile and nine-day journey claimed the lives of 1,200 U.S. and 8,000 Philippine soldiers.

Fisher explained that tomorrow's national recognition of POWs and MIAs helps ease the pain for families still waiting for their missing loved ones.

According to the American Forces Information Service, the Department of Defense has "strived to account for 2,344 Americans" (in Vietnam) and "an estimated 6,000 Americans" (in North Korea) still listed as missing or POWs. AFIS also said 391 sets of remains have been returned to the United States from Vietnam since 1974. Of those returned, 209 were determined to be those of missing Americans.

"It's a bittersweet thing," said Fisher, "of when a family is notified that the remains of their missing father, son, brother or uncle is among those identified.

"On one hand, there's the relief of knowing what happened to your loved one and giving him a proper burial. On the other hand, it's tragic to know that it's **their** son's or father's body that's being shipped home.

"In my mind, families are the greatest casualties."

[The public is invited to attend the 4 p.m. ceremony tomorrow at Pershing Square, off Moraga Avenue near the Predidio Officers' Club.]

Voices

Drinking + driving = destruction

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

With Labor Day safely behind us, I can heave a sigh of relief that none of my family or friends were one of the holiday statistics. You know, one of those unknown, nameless Americans added to the body count of those killed in car accidents. It happens every holiday; hundreds of highway deaths from people celebrating just a little too hard.

Worst of all, many of those accidents are the result of drivers drinking. Worse, because driving while intoxicated is something easily preventable.

And what about those faceless victims? Well, if you think about it, they really aren't so anonymous. Someone mourned each and every person who was killed.

Two of my former coworkers were added to the tally just last year, and I know their families and friends mourned their loss. I still can't believe they're gone.

One of the dead, Dorothy, recently had gotten the promotion she'd looked forward to for more than five years. Dorothy was a *good* person: she shopped for elderly neighbors; she took in stray cats; and she cared for her middle-aged retarded son. Dorothy may not have been a saint, but she was a good person—someone you'd like to know.

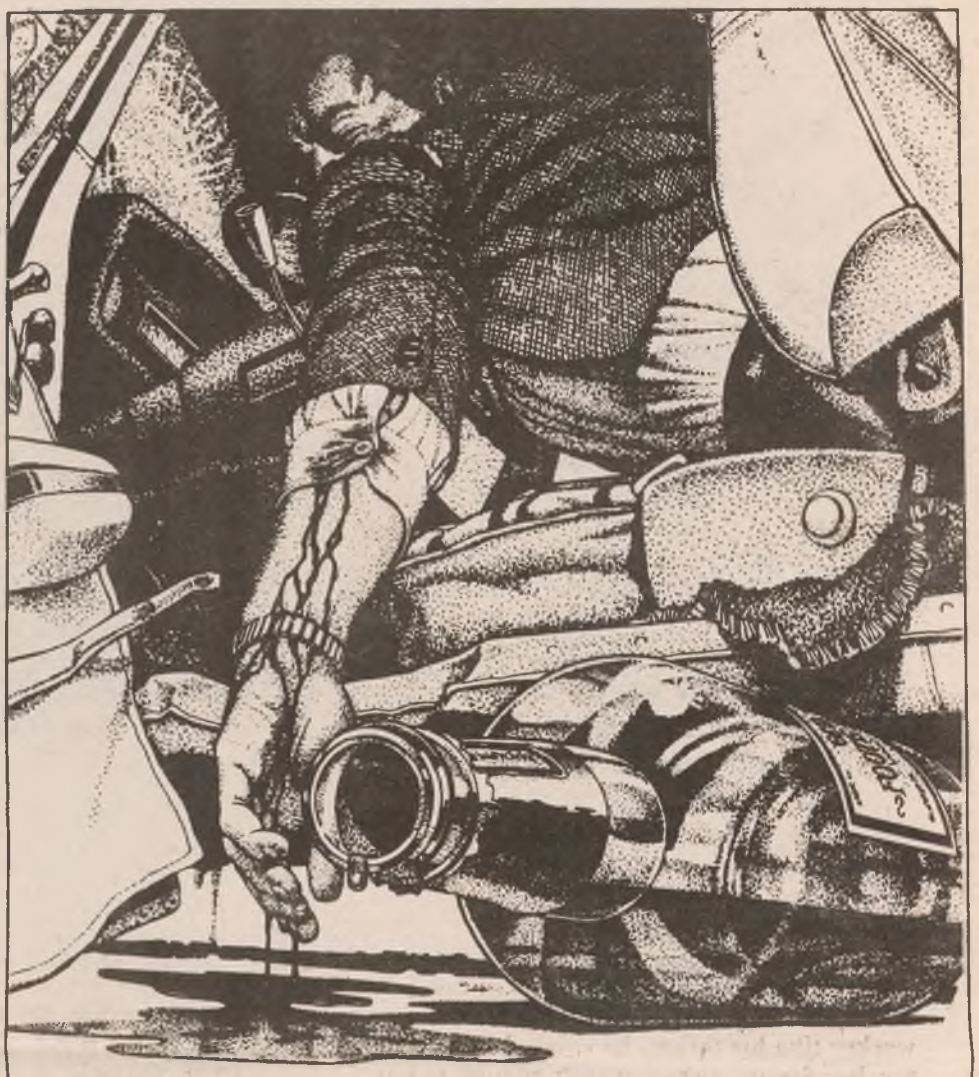
Dorothy was killed when a motorcyclist struck her as she stepped from a curb. The cyclist was trying to outrun a police car which had been chasing him on suspicion of driving while under the influence.

And Marian, well she had retired only a few months before the accident. She was traveling down a freeway when a drunken driver's car leaped over the center divider and struck her car head-on at freeway speed. Marian left a large family behind; her children and grandchildren were the most important things in her life. She had looked forward to retirement so she could spend more time with them.

The list goes on. Everyone can name friends who have been victims. Isn't it time we all **did** something about the death toll, which reaches thousands each year? The message about drinking and driving is not just for admonishing our children. It's for us too.

In California last year, more than 2,500 people were killed and 65,000 injured in alcohol-related accidents. Multiply this horrifying statistic, and you can see the carnage resulting from drinking and driving.

It's time to get serious; it's time to get sober.



Ramblin' Sam

"How do you think the country should pay tribute to the POWs and MIAs?"



Dianne Williams, sales associate, Four Seasons Store: "Maybe there should be more articles written, more television coveraage—everybody watches television. There should be a lot of interviews, people personally involved, giving a first-hand account."



Capt. Cesar A. Cuadra, team leader, 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Funston: "A lot of it would be having non-adverse articles about the POW being from a specific war. There are still a lot of ultra-liberal newspapers that show the negative side of it. A lot of it would be to show they are just ordinary folks."



Maj. William A. DE Chaubert, garrison operations officer, Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, Western Area, Oakland Army Base: "We should definitely make a decided effort to get them back. They should have their own section at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington."



SFC Maximo A. Bermudez, maintenance/electronics NCO, Sacramento Army Depot: "All the benefits we can give them. You never hear of them when they get back. You never read about them in the papers. When they come in, we should treat them as heroes. We should have a ceremony that identifies them as POWs."

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"If you're really a good soldier, you'll rise through the ranks. But it's more difficult if you have difficulty with English," Brig. Gen. Josue Robles Jr.

Hispanic star:English a must

story and photo by Rudi Williams

The oldest of nine siblings, Josue Robles Jr. grew up poor in the small steel-mill town of Lorain, Ohio. He didn't want to be a steelworker like his father; he wanted to be a doctor. But family income wasn't enough to pay college expenses.

That didn't quash young Robles' aspirations. Armed with a hospital's promise to sponsor him in medical school, Robles worked his way through two years of college as a medical laboratory technician.

The hospital's sincerity was never tested, because he fell in love and married a coworker, dropped out of school and went to work in a NASA lab measuring radiation and its effect on the environment. Shortly thereafter, in January 1966, he was drafted into the Army.

Perhaps a military career is what fate had in store for him all along. Robles climbed from a recruit to brigadier general. And he's the only Hispanic general on active duty in the regular Army. (The other Hispanic general officer is National Guardsman Brig. Gen. William (Billy) A. Navas, who is deputy director of the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon.)

Robles is deputy to the director of the Army budget. He is responsible for overseeing the Army's $23 billion operations and maintenance budget—nearly all the money used for day-to-day operation at the Army's posts, camps, stations and specialty training schools. "It's the money for everything that you commonly associate with the Army—training, spare parts, commissary operations, medical operations, supplies, pens, pencils, paper clips, temporary duty pay, most of the civilian payroll—you name it," says Robles, 43, who was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and immigrated to Ohio with his parents in 1949 at the age of 3.

His success makes him a role model for many Hispanics. To those who shun military service because they think there is no room at the top for Hispanics, Robles said emphatically, "I started as a draftee and worked my way up; that shows you it can be done if you apply yourself."

When speaking before Hispanic audiences around the country, his message is: "The armed services are good for you. We need you to join. You'll get a lot of opportunities to improve yourself, and to quote a favorite slogan, 'Be All That You Can Be.' The number of Hispanics in the military is increasing, but we need more women to join, too."

Robles believes that limited speaking, reading and writing English skills are the main reasons for the shortfall of high-ranking Hispanic commissioned and non-commissioned officers. He said covert or overt discrimination is not to blame—the fault falls on the shoulders of Hispanics themselves.

"I've seen a lot of cases where officers didn't do well on their efficiency reports—probably for the NCO ranks, too—because of language difficulty," said Robles. "We expect our leaders, both officers and NCOs, to be able to express themselves well, both in writing and verbally. You have to write a lot, speak in front of soldiers and other audiences. Those who can't articulate well are put a little bit behind the other guy.

"Not speaking English well is a big impediment—more than most people realize," he said.

Robles said it's a great step forward to celebrate ethnic observances with special menus in dining facilities and clubs, plays, skits, exhibits, fashion shows, dances and guest speakers. But Hispanic Heritage Month should also highlight the plight of Hispanics who need help with the English language.

Robles urged Hispanics to bridge the gap between minorities and mainstream Americans in the armed forces. "Being in the military is an excellent opportunity for a minority race to become more equal quickly, whether they're black, Hispanic or Oriental.

"If I had stayed around the block where I was, I don't know where I would be today," Robles said.

Editor's note: We invite you to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

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Places To Go

Make a masterpiece at post Crafts Center

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

You don't need an education to express yourself eloquently—especially when the medium is art.

"A lot of people think you need a college degree to do pottery or painting . . ." said Beverly A. Vogt, a Presidio Arts and Crafts Center instructor/secretary.

"They're so afraid it has to be precise," she explained. "But being good at art means just being yourself—letting it flow from inside you and reflect in the work."

Vogt said the post craft center dispels that myth. "A lot of people that come here believe they don't have a creative bone in their body. They take a class and then they're just amazed at what they can do."

"People definitely get a feeling of accomplishment and pride in their work here," said Dean K. Steiner, center director.

"It's a place to come and relax, and learn at the same time," he added.

The center offers ample opportunity for learning arts and crafts, with frequent classes in ceramics, ceramic and glass jewelry making, oil painting, photography, wood-working, pottery, stain glass designs, upholstering, cake decorating, and drawing.

Framing, said Steiner, accounts for about half the visits to the center. Both custom framing and do-it-yourself classes are offered; using either one to frame a piece costs less than half the price charged by civilian shops in the area, Steiner said.

Building 122, at the corner of Lincoln and Riley avenues, is a two-story mecca for artists; it houses a spacious photography lab, about 10 pottery wheels, hundreds of molds for ceramics and hundreds of framing materials.

The wood shop carries more iron than the Pittsburgh railroads; it offers several band saws, planers, joiners, table saws and lathes.

Painters and stained glass workers use their own shop in the basement.

Economy—as well as a desire to express oneself—is another reason people use the center, Steiner noted. Upholstering is a class which boasts huge savings to students. Steiner said having a large chair upholstered in a local shop may cost as much as $700. Upholstery students can run through the 12-week course, buy the materials, do the work themselves and still spend less than $250.

Nicole M. Willison, a Presidio military family member, said she was saving money on a pottery 'habit' by making the pieces herself.

"I think purchasing a lot of pottery has sparked my interest," said Willison, who graduated from pottery class a few weeks ago.

"I enjoy pottery more; trying to create it myself," she said.

Economics and instruction were the attractors for Edward D. Gallagher. Gallagher described himself as a novice woodworker who, thanks to the help of wood shop teacher John Cooper, designed and built all his kitchen cabinets at the center.

"I can build a simple table, but to come up with a 'masterpiece,' I turn to the instructor," he said.

"[Using the shop] is cheap and they have every tool you can possible think of," Gallagher said. "The staff is excellent and they really know what they're doing."

Of course, the only way to share the benefits of the center's instuction—or materials—is to visit.

The hours are 4 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about classes, fees and benefits, call 561-4497.



Nicole M. Willison glazes a pot in the pottery shop.



The photography instructor, Tonya Hough, displays some of her work.

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Post detectives to study at Scotland Yard

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Two Presidio crime fighters will be in England next year, doing some yard work—Scotland Yard work, that is.

CW2 Raymond F. Brown and SFC Jeffry S. Huber, agents with Sixth Regional Headquarters, Criminal Investigation Division, recently won seats at the Metropolitan Police Academy—better known as Scotland Yard—in London, where they'll hone their detective skills.

They represent a fourth of the U.S. Army agents selected to study at the academy in 1990. Only eight agents—four officers and four enlisted—are named yearly through a competitive board, Brown said.

The Yard, and the FBI Academy in Washington, D.C., are popularly believed to be the best schools for cultivating crime stoppers.

"They are the plums," said Brown, Sixth Region's field desk coordinator for drugs and forensic sciences. "One cannot expect to go to either Scotland Yard or the FBI Academy in the course of a career."

Brown will attend the Major Case Investigations course, which teaches organization and management for officers who have to run a large task force.

Serial killers, drug rings, and white-collar criminal networks are the intended victims of the program.

A 10-year veteran in Army law enforcement, Brown said he's "looking forward to sitting down in a classroom with senior detectives who've seen a lot of crime and learning from them."

Huber, technical services coordinator for the region, is slated for the Scenes of Crime course, where he'll study evidence collection, investigative photography and forensic science. He said he'll use the assignment to measure the U.S. system of criminology.



CW2 Raymond F. Brown (left) and SFC Jeffry S. Huber test an electronic surveillance kit at Sixth Region CIDC Headquarters, on post.

"I know I'll see some of the strengths and weaknesses of our system when I see how they [the British] approach a crime scene," explained Huber, a 14-year veteran.

"It's probably the best school I'll ever go to for crime scenes," he added.

According to the media relations officer for the San Francisco Division of the FBI, Scotland Yard teaches detectives to "become more venturesome in their approach to solving the problems of law enforcement. They are dynamite at what they do."

Col. Carl L. Lockett, Sixth Region commander said, "This is a great opportunity for [Huber and Brown] to learn from super agents. When they come back, they'll teach—pass the benefits of their courses on to their peers in the United States."

Lockett said only outstanding soldier-sleuths are chosen for the classes. "We don't send over a guy who can't be an ambassador for the Army or the country."

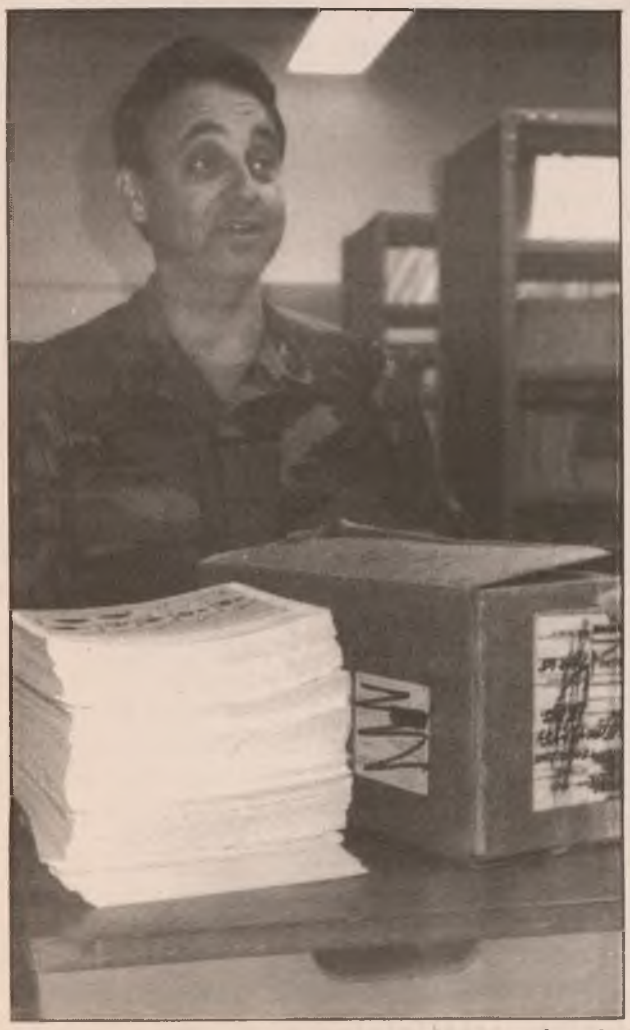
"[Sending U.S. agents overseas] fosters cooperation among all the police forces in Europe. [It builds] the reputation that you are capable of solving crimes and that you are reliable."

The region's field desk coordinator, Operations Division, MW4 Manfred F. Meine, said Brown and Huber have an "extremely prestigious" assignment.

He explained, "Any CID agent who knows you've been selected for Scotland Yard knows you're doing very well in your job.

"Obviously it's an excellent opportunity," Meine added. "Very few American law officers get a chance like this."

Spit, polish, elbow grease pays off for Parks



SFC Samuel Berger uses a pushcart to relocate stacks of newly arrived material.

story and photo by Steve Morey

More than 20,000 volumes of ARs, FMs and Army PAMs stared at the NCOs and seemed to say, "Go ahead, organize me!" And that's just what they did at the 6237th U.S. Army Reserve Forces Training School at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

Armed with labels, felt-tip pens and plenty of elbow grease, the 6237th's library staff reorganized mountains of regulations, Field Manuals, Army pamphlets and Training Manuals this summer. During that time, nearly 1,200 soldier-students trained in one of 30 Military Occupational Specialty fields offered by the PRFTA school.

"It was mostly physical work spiced with our creativity and imagination," explained SFC Kathy Terpos, who was the MOS librarian NCOIC from June to August. "It's amazing what you can do with so little."

The project was initiated in May by Sgt. Richard E. Carroll, who completed his short-term active assignment in early July. Terpos said Carroll did most of the "heavy" work—moving 10-foot tall shelving into place and throwing away outdated and unused materials.

After Carroll's departure, Terpos, along with the senior librarian, SFC Samuel M. Berger, labeled and stacked the thousands of MOS and reference manuals. The 6237th school's Classroom Services has two libraries—an MOS library, and a reference library which houses FMs, TMs and ARs; both were revamped by the reserve NCOs.

Berger said the facility now has materials for all 30 MOS classes taught at the school. "When a soldier walks through the door and requests a publication," he said, "we want that soldier to go away with what [he or she] requested.

"I hate to have to say, 'I don't have that publication. See me next year.'"

Until about 10 years ago, reserve schools, such as the 6237th, could borrow MOS publications from active Army MOS schools. With the increased emphasis on the reserve component in recent years, said Berger, the Army has allocated more money and soldiers for reserve schools.

For example, the Classroom Services NCOIC said the library in 1988 had one, count 'em, one librarian; today's staff averages about five soldiers.

"I'm glad the Army's put more emphasis on reservists on short-term active duty," said MSgt. George J. Fernando, himself a reservist on active duty. "This gives our staff more continuity and cohesiveness. It all adds up to better teamwork."

Terpos added, "Our students would not get the quality MOS training they're entitled to if the library wasn't able to provide materials. That's critical to students who have to learn their MOS during a two-week cycle. We have to be quick and efficient. We've got to have it together."

Instructors can spend more time teaching rather than looking for class-related paperwork and manuals, said Terpos, adding they now can use that extra time for class preparation.

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Sports

Ande's Gang roughs up SJA, takes title

story and photos by Steve Morey

Ande's Gang used a balanced scoring attack and strong rebounding to out-gun SJA, 21-13, for the 3-on-3 Summer Basketball League championship Sept. 8 on post.

Paul Anderson sank eight shots, Tyrone Turner made six and John Champion added five for the half-court champs in Gym No. 1. Meanwhile, Turner and Raymond Butler teamed to control the boards, and helped shut down SJA's scoring threat, Dale Kennedy.

"The idea in 3-on-3 is to score every possession," explained Anderson, the coach and organizer of Ande's (as in *Ande*rson's) Gang. "That forced Dale to convert to defense and took away his offensive threat."

Ande's Gang, 6-3 and in first place at the end of the regular season, beat SJA, 21-3, in the playoffs Sept. 5. Anderson said the title game could have been termed a "grudge match."

According to SJA's player-coach, Michael Jordan, his team—which ended the regular season in second place at 5-3—was simply outplayed and outshot.

"We did OK. We gave 'em a good shot," said Jordan. "Kennedy was a little off, but you can contribute that to their defense."

Any time Kennedy had the ball, he found at least two sets of hands and arms in his face; still, he managed to lead SJA with nine points. Kennedy's teammate, Michael Brown, added SJA's other four hoops.

Before you could say, "The Gang's all here!", the champs stormed to a 6-0 lead as Anderson, Turner and Butler led the charge. Butler scored his only two points for the game during that stretch.

In fact, the Gang *was* all there—six men strong—compared to SJA's three on the floor and one on the bench. Jordan said his lack of bench strength may have led to SJA's defeat.

"We probably would've played much better if we had [Mark] Berry, our defensive specialist," said Jordan. "The game might have been closer with him on the floor."

As it was, the Gang ganged up on their opponents, sending fresh players in at each timeout. "We worked the ball around to the open man real good and tried to score every time we got the ball," said Champion, the first player off the bench.

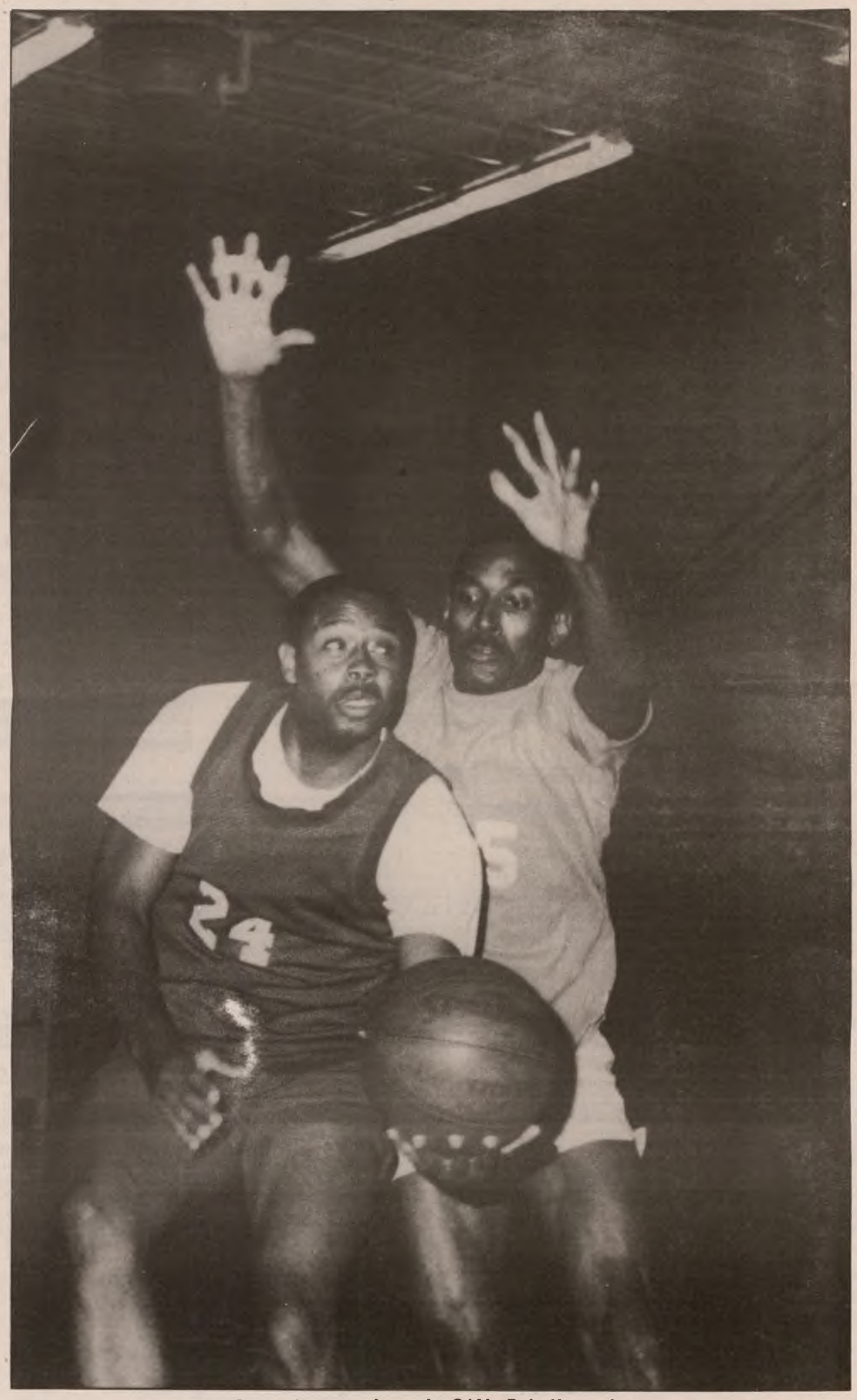
In half-court games, each basket counts as one point. A "two-pointer" must be made from outside the normal 10-foot, 9-inch, three-point line, used for full-court games.

"The key to putting away the other team is to hit your two-pointers," Anderson said. "Although we didn't hit a lot of them, we did keep the ball away from Kennedy. The game goes quick when you keep the ball on your offense."

With leads of 7-1, 10-3 and 13-3, the Gang was on its way to the title. However, Kennedy and Brown caught fire and reduced the lead to 13-10. A quick time-out by the Gang may have saved the day. Was Coach Anderson's team worried at that point?

"Not really. We came out and double-teamed him [Kennedy] even more which threw his shot off," Anderson said. "And Tyrone and Butler continued to do a good job on the boards."

The Gang outscored SJA, 8-3, the rest of the way. His team's victory in the book and trophy in his hand, Turner summed up his feelings: "We've got a well-balanced team that never quits."



Paul Anderson, of Ande's Gang, thwarts a layup by SJA's Dale Kennedy.



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Community Calendar

Gym closes

Gym No. 1 will be used to test West Point candidates Sunday. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All other parts of the gym will be open

Live entertainment

Two performances of the "Upside of Down" will be given in LAMC's Schwartz Theater Sept. 30 and Oct.1. The play is put on by Presidio children and adults. For information, call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250.**

Gospel Service third anniversary

The Fort Scott Chapel Gospel Service invites the Presidio community to its third annual Gospel Service Anniversary Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m. A fellowship dinner will take place in the Religious Activities Center from 1 to 3 p.m., before the anniversary service.

For more information about the anniversary or the worship service call Rev. Wayne B. Richardson, lay minister, at **343-1727,** or Deacon Pleasant Lindsey at **331-7651.**

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If that's the case, then let's start one! If there is an established club, I'd like to hear about it. In any event, Please call Liz Greeley at **561-5463.**

Exchange mail order catalog

The Exchange mail order catalog is expanding customer service. People in the Dallas office will be on line seven days a week to assist telephone customers. The new hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

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The Abyss

Divers work on a prototype underwater oil-drilling machine in this thriller. *The Abyss* is playing throughout Bay Area theaters.

At other times recorders will take messages for the staff's response during the next business day.

Presidians enrolled in DEERS who wish to charge their order on Visa, Mastercard or Discover can place orders toll free by callling **1-800-527-2345.**

Ordering by FAX is another new service. FAX is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. FAX offers the same speed as telephone ordering and it provides an extra advantage to reservists, National Guardsmen and other customers who are not enrolled in DEERS. They can FAX their order and the latest copy of their leave and earnings statement to verify a customer is authorized to shop the catalog.

The toll free number for FAX is **1-800-446-0163.**

Food Basket

The "Hands Across the Presidio" Food Basket Program assists eligible soldiers and their families. Donations of canned goods and unopened food staples may be left at Army Community Service, bldg. 914, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For information, call Erick Davis at **561-5057.**

Photo contest

The California Department of Fish and Game is sponsoring a photography contest. Only photos of live fish and wildlife in their natural habitat and photos of the natural environment taken in California will be judged.

A panel of experts will select the winning prints. The "Photograph of the Year" will be displayed in the State Capitol, and the photographer will accompany a Department of Fish and Game employee into the field for a photo expedition.

Photographs must be at least 8 by 10 inches and when mounted, be no larger than 16 by 20 inches. No slides will be accepted. Photographers must place their name, address, telephone number and photo category on the back of the mat. Either black and white, or color photos are acceptable. The categories are: fish, invertebrate, bird, mammal, reptile and amphibian, natural environment and native plants. There is a limit of three entries per category.

Send entries to the Conservation Eduction Office, Department of Fish and Game, Suite 1206-20, Sacramento, Calif., 95814. The deadline is Dec. 29.

ITT news

Renaissance Pleasure Faire tickets are on sale now for $9.50—that's a $3 savings! The fair runs weekends through Oct. 8 at the Blackpoint Forest in Novato, Calif. Eat, drink and be merry.

Sports fans; the Sept. 29, Winnipeg Jets vs. Pittsburgh Penguin hockey game at the Oakland Coliseum is the one to see. Pick up your ticket now for $17.25.

Missing the simpler life? Why not attend an old fashioned ice cream social Sept. 23? There will be barbershop quartets, a Dixieland band, mimes and clowns, and a chance to eat an unlimited supply of ice cream All this for only $11 an adult ticket, $6.50 for a child's ticket.

If you're interested in a trip to Santa Cruz, Calif., join ITT. The $17 fee includes transportation and unlimited rides at the Beach Boardwalk.

Visit ITT in building 215 or call **561-3992.**

Training class

The Civilian Personnel Directorate offers a leadership and development course Sept. 25 through 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course gives first time managers and supervisors skills to effectively lead others, manage worker teams, and to develop good management and leadership styles. Supervisors who have not taken the basic supervisory course may enroll. To find out more, call Deborah Vitale at **561-2554** or **561-4285.**

Luau

The Sports Branch will host a Hawaiian luau Oct. 28. For a $15 ticket, you will be soothed by music from the Island Waves, be treated to authentic food and given a chance to dance the night away. Order your tickets now!

Call Bobbie Gascon at **561-4120.**

Parent training

Parent effectiveness training classes give Presidio parents an opportunity to learn new ways to communicate with and understand their children. Techniques for resolving family conflicts are stressed as well.

The classes are held Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 21 through Nov. 9, at the Religious Activities Center.

For information, call Maj. Janice Collins at **561-4268.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu: Sept. 14: Licence to Kill (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Fri, Sept. 15: Licence to Kill (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 16: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sun, Sept. 17: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Mon, Sept. 18: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Tue, Sept. 19: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Wed, Sept. 20: Road House (R), 7 p.m.
Thu, Sept. 21: Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (R), 7 p.m.
Fri: Sept. 22: Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (R), 7 p.m.

(This week's movie summaries were not available at press time)

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Sept. 15: Cousins (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Sept. 16: Treasure Island (PG)	**1 p.m.**
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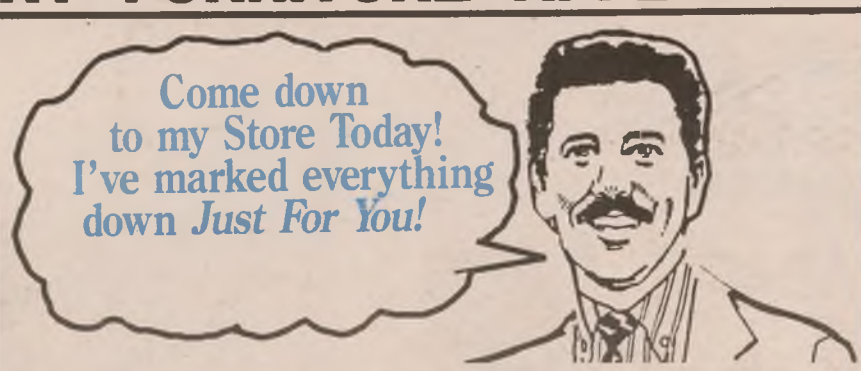
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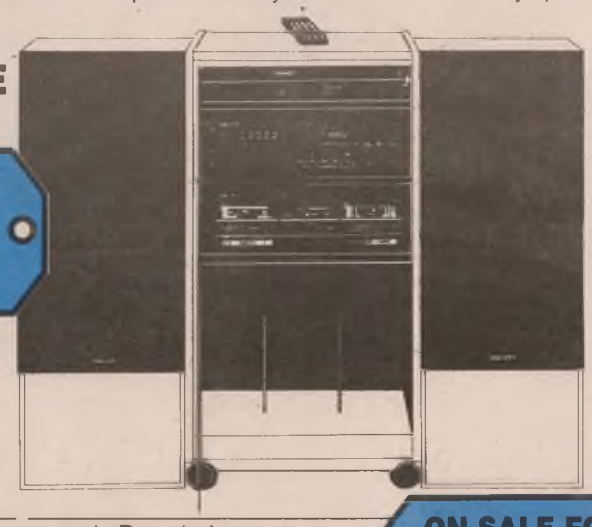
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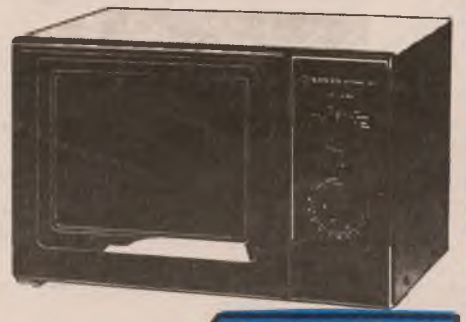
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Outside phone line

Starting tomorrow, to dial all commerical calls outside the 415 area code you must add a "1" before the number. If you need assistance or more information, call the telephone help center at 561-3287.

PMO closes

The Provost Marshal offices will be closed tomorrow, to celebrate the Military Police regimental anniversary. The MP desk will remain open.

MP anniversary

The Law Enforcement Company will be joining Military Policemen worldwide in celebrating the 48th Miliary Police regimental anniversary tomorrow. Guest speakers at Fort Scott will talk about MP history, and static displays will demonstrate the various vehicles and equipment used by MPs today.

The festivities will include a tour of the Fort Point museum, a rubber raft relay, an MP run (which will include competitors from the Coast Guard, the 49th MP Brigade and Law Enforcement Company), a cake cut and barbecue picnic. The celebration culminates at 6 p.m. with the MP Anniversary Ball held at the Officers' Club.

AIDS meeting

Presidians and family members with AIDS are invited to attend a gathering Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in LAMC's third floor Dentistry Conference Room. Call Hazel Gordon at 561-5115 by tomorrow to reserve spaces.

Housing clean-up

The fall housing clean-up will begin Monday.

The Self Help Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday only) and 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Tuesday through Saturday) to issue lawn and garden equipment. Only customers in the areas scheduled for clean-up on their clean-up day will be issued equipment. All equipment must be turned in at least 15 minutes before closing the same day.

The Self Help Center will issue trash bags to area mayors as needed.

For information, please call the DEH customer relations office at 561-4860.

Housing area clean-up schedule

Clean-up	Areas	Trash pick-up
Monday	1 to 100 area, 300 area, 700 area, and 1500 area	Tuesday
Tuesday	400 area, 500 area, and 800 area	Wednesday

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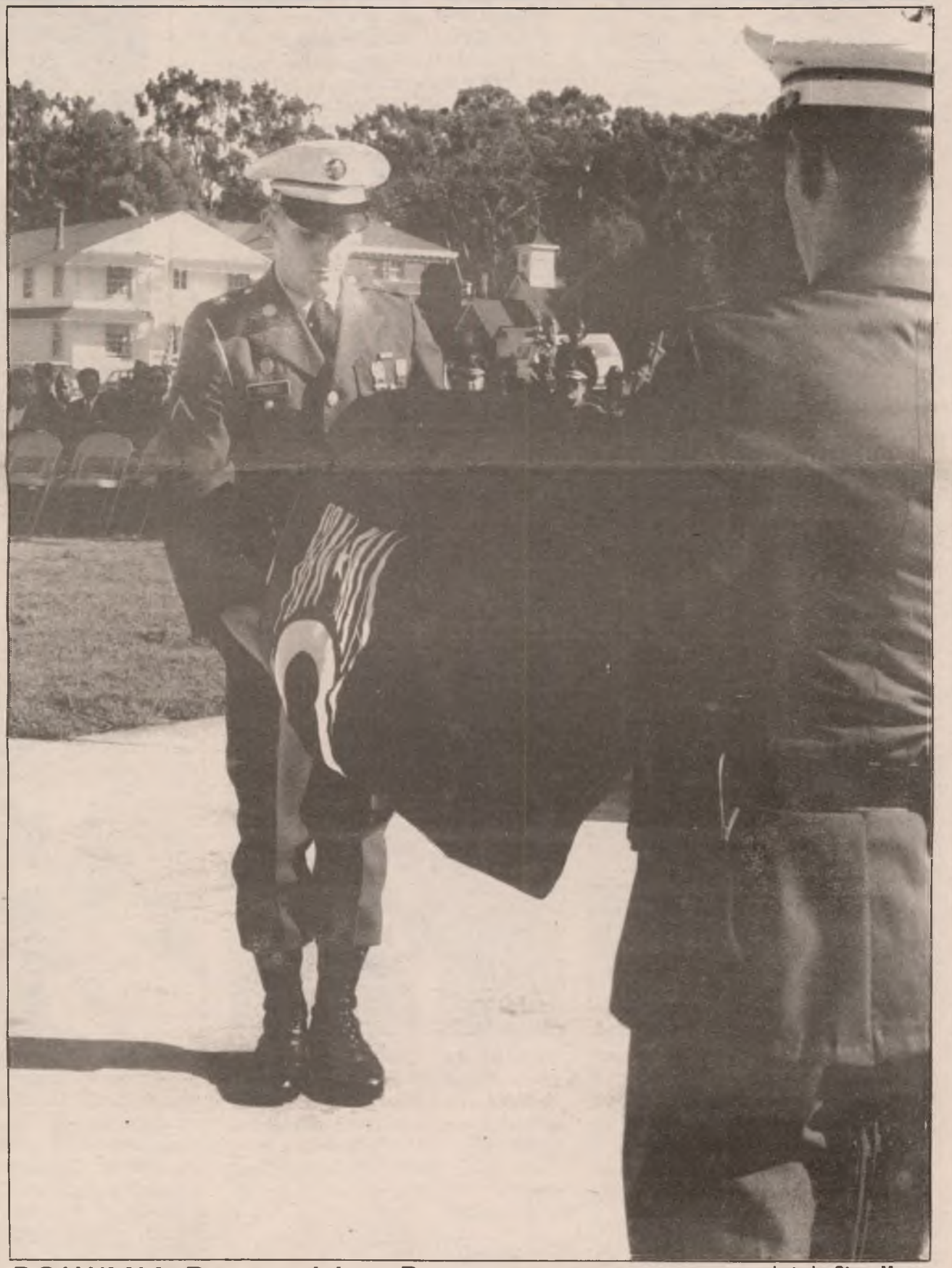


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POW/MIA Recognition Day

Pvt. 2 Steven G. Price (facing) and Spec. Roy G. Dahlheim, from the Provost Marshal Office's color guard, fold the POW/MIA flag at Pershing Square on Friday. The retreat ceremony featured remarks by two former POWs: Col. Albert E. Carlson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Sixth U.S. Army, and Edward A. Fisher, a Walnut Creek, Calif., native. Carlson was a Vietnam POW while Fisher survived the "Bataan Death March" and 33 months as a POW during World War II.

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Letters to the editor

Do you have something to say which might interest other *Star Presidian* readers? Then say it!

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We really want to hear from you! Don't *you* want to know what your fellow Presidians are thinking about? So write us!



Dear Captain Jackson,

I hope you had the opportunity to be at Frost Amphitheater on July 30, to experience some of the excitement that you helped create by being involved in the production of Summer Symphony XXX.

Ticket sales and donations (not including the in-kind donation of the Salute Battery and the cannons) exceeded $161,000.

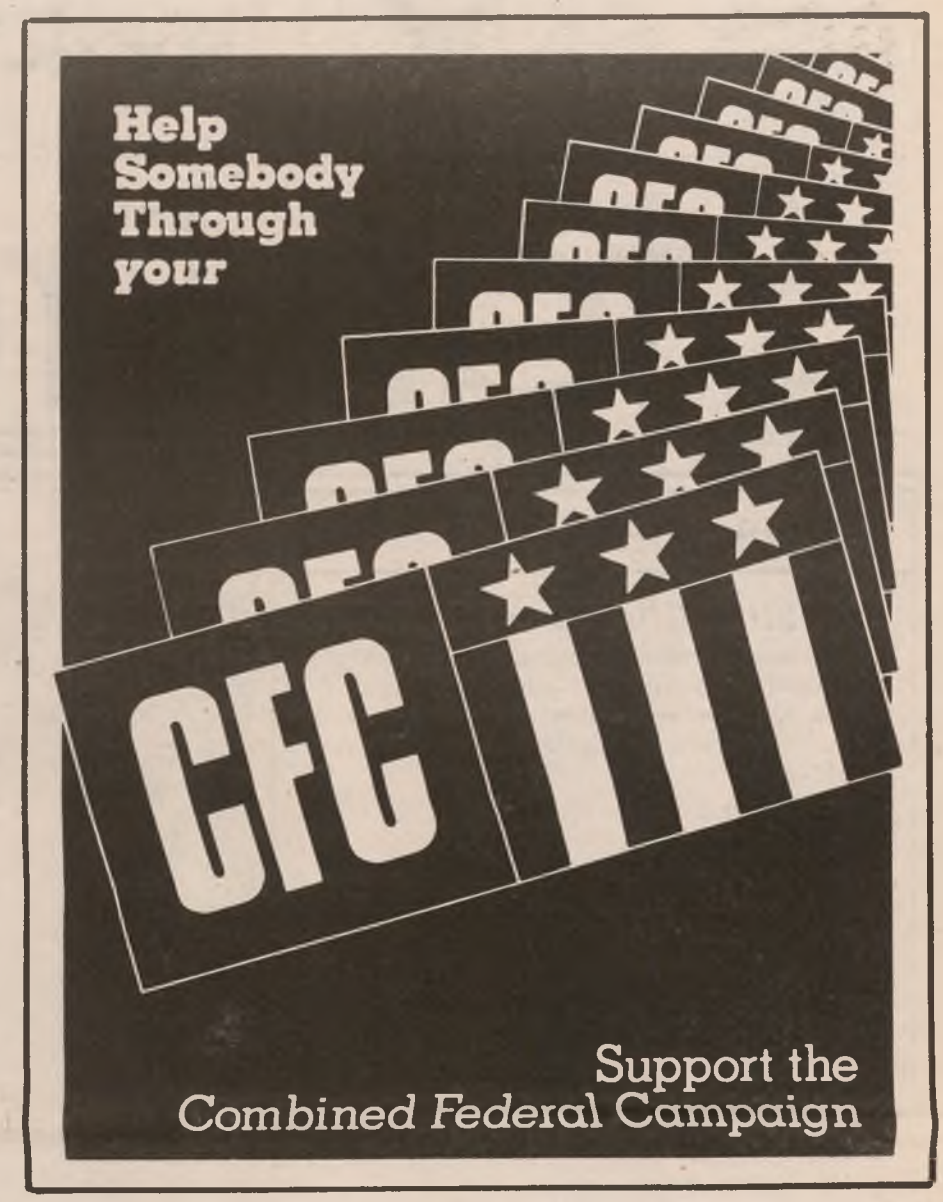
I was standing at the back of the amphitheater when the first round was fired. It was very entertaining to watch the entire crowd jump out of their skins simultaneously. I will have to admit to being totally thrilled by such a show of awesome power. It was absolutely exhilarating!

On behalf of the Summer Symphony Committee, the Board of Directors and, of course, the children we serve, we extend our most heartfelt appreciation to you. We could never achieve our goals without the generosity that you and so many others have shown.

Very sincerely,

Betty Parsons
Event Coordinator
Summer Symphony XXX

(Editor's note: The salute battery provide the cannon accompaniment to Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture.)



Ramblin' Sam

"How would our country be different if there wee no U.S. Constitution?"



Anastasiya A. M. Buckles, military family member: "There'd be no law and order—nothing to stand up for the people's rights. It protects the people. You don't want the government to have too much power either. You want to keep a balance."



Capt. Sandy L. Pufal, Training Officer, 352nd Evacuation Hospital, Oakland Army Base: "People's rights would be violated. There would be no rights. Common people would have no say in decision making. There wouldn't be any guidelines to govern their rights"



Lt. Col. Gary D. Hanna, Deputy commander for Veterinary Services, Letterman Army Medical Center: "We certainly wouldn't have the democratic process we are accustomed to. No Bill of Rights, no freedom of speech. Seems to me that we'd live in a state of anarchy. It's hard to fathom living in a society without it."



SFC Raymond G Henderson, assistant senior Army instructor, Junior ROTC Program, Mission High School, San Francisco: "Without it you'd have disorganization; disarray. You'd have a dictatorship, totalitarianism. The Constitution is a set of rules which present us with checks and counterchecks that counterbalance power,"

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ACS: Calling all volunteers

by Joel P. Smith

She is the voice who late in the night takes the knife away from your neighbor's wrists. He is the smile and handshake which eases the worry of a wife, whose husband is somewhere "West," "training."

When a soldier or family member needs hope or help, chances are good they'll turn to Army Community Service volunteers, the men and women who fight *for* soldiers.

"When people come through our doors, they're in need," said Cynthia A. Drake, volunteer supervisor at ACS.

"They need financial counseling, family advocacy; this is one place where they don't need the runaround. They need answers, a warm handshake and a hot cup of coffee."

What they want is to know people care. Today, there are less of those people around than ACS needs. Army budget cuts are keeping the service from filling paid staff positions as those slots become vacant.

That means ACS now has to rely on volunteers to staff its programs—or cut them. Anthony Powell, director of the Community Life Program at ACS, said, "All of our programs are vitally important to soldiers and soldiers' families.

"A lot of families, especially those new to the military, don't have a knowledge of services or counseling and need it," Powell explained.

Drake said ACS needs volunteer "welcomers," who greet soldiers and family members at the ACS office in building 914, and mayors for the Community Life program.

(Mayors act as the liaison between their housing area and the post commander. They are a "direct link" from problems to their solution, Powell said.)

Crisis Line workers, who answer calls for assistance over ACS's help line, are desperately needed, said the chief warrant officer who manages the 24-hour service.

The warrant officer, in compliance with ACS policy, which protects the anonymity of Crisis Line volunteers, asked not to be named.

People who are contemplating suicide or deserting the service, or who are just fed up with the system and need a friend to talk to, find that friend at the end of the Crisis Line.

Several "hot lines" are available in the civilian community, said the officer, but few of their volunteers understand the unique problems Army families face.

"[Off-post help line volunteers] don't know what a first sergeant is, or what an NCOIC is," the warrant officer explained. "They don't speak the language. When a soldier calls on them for help, sometimes [those barriers] only add to his frustration.

"Army people want to talk to Army people because they understand the lifestyle and stresses of Army life," said the warrant officer.

Starine Cheek, ACS director on post, added, "The Crisis Line is extremely important in that there are very few opportunities to talk to people about extremely personal problems anonymously.

"Soldiers often don't like to discuss problems with their [co-workers or even friends] for fear of being judged or put down."

Volunteers are also needed to deliver the *Star Presidian*, said Vinny W. Kahaoe, distribution manager. The area of critical need, she said, is the Pershing housing area and the upper 400 block of the Washington area.

Sugar L. Zaucha, director of the Relocation



Program, is a volunteer concerned with smoothing the move for soldiers and Army families leaving the Presidio.

She finds out, for the soldier, what services are available at his or her duty station, how long the housing list is, and who the soldier can go to for more help.

Zaucha also keeps files—including off-post housing price lists and post guides—on duty stations throughout the world. She said she needs volunteers to help research soldiers' questions.

Volunteers can get some solid benefits out of their work at ACS, said Teri A. Echterling, a volunteer financial counselor.

Echterling said the post ACS has an exceptional training program. To learn how to design and follow a budget, and to learn how to share that information with others, she traveled to a special seminar held in Columbus, Ga.

"I was flabbergasted," Echterling said.

"I couldn't believe [ACS] would send a volunteer that far, for that long, for training."

She said Cheek is committed to helping volunteers grow in their business and professional skills. In-house training seminars are another offering at ACS.

Echterling also said Cheek encouraged her to excel as a volunteer. "Before I went to the course, I didn't think I was the person for the job. I didn't think I possessed the skills," she explained.

"Starine told me, 'I'm going to help you achieve your potential.'"

Cheek explained her philosophy of give-and-get: "People don't volunteer for nothing. They have needs that have to be met, too.

"If someone is interested in training in a particular area, we can get them professional training," she said. "It has to be mutually beneficial."

Why should people volunteer? Drake summed it up, saying, "They're not just giving, they're going to be getting too."

To volunteer at ACS, call Cheek or Drake at **561-5057.**

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For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at 561-5732 or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

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Cook: NA-7404-05, $8.14 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled.

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Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-04, $6.49 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

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Sept. 28	1300 area, 1400 area, and 1700/1800 area	Sept. 28
Sept. 28	Fort Baker 500 area, Fort Baker 600 area, Fort Baker 800 area, Fort Barry, Fort Mason	Sept. 28

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News You Can Use

Head-to-toe excuses violate uniform code

by Joel P. Smith

Some soldiers get pretty artsy-craftsy in their explanations when you ask why they're out of uniform: *My hair is down to my shoulders because it keeps the wind off my neck. Do you want me to catch cold?*

Fadish? Baby, these soulful shades protect my ocular integrity and ice-cool image.

Sarge, I'm just usin' good camouflage technique; by not polishin' these shoes, I have reduced my shine considerably, thereby increasin' my survivability in a war zone, exceptin', of course, those frequented by sergeants major.

But excuses don't justify wearing the uniform improperly.

And according to the post's Headquarters Command Battalion Executive Officer, Maj. Ron G. Benton, you don't even get points for creativity.

"I've seen some overweight soldiers who only wear their BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms) because they're trying to hide their obesity," Benton explained.

"These guys' uniforms look like skin stretched over a tank."

There's a revelation here, an offering for those who haven't meditated on Army Regulation 670-1, the Army's writ and wisdom on "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia."

You are part of your uniform. The feeling that people get when they think of soldiers starts beneath the cloth.

The ironable, polishable, washable, spit-shineable part of certain Army paycheck recipients is also in decay, Benton said.

"There are some officers and senior NCOs who look like they've been sleeping in their uniforms," he growled.

Benton said he's angry because, in his opinion, "the uniform is sacred. A lot of people have died for this country. They were soldiers in this uniform.

"It's an honor just to wear it."

What should a soldier do when he or she sees another soldier violating the standards? "Treat them just the way you'd want to be treated," advises Benton.

"Approach them and tell them—tactfully—where they've gone wrong and how to correct it."

Benton also said you should tell the soldier, "It's a personal insult to you and every other soldier because they don't take the initiative to wear the uniform properly.

"There are too many people just renting the uniform."

Other innovative methods are:

• **For dirty and wrinkled uniforms:** Run up to the frazzled soldier, grab him or her by the shoulders and say, "My God, are you all right? Did you get the license number?"

• **For unbuttoned pockets and unpolished shoes or boots:** "Looks like you've been pickpocketed. Hope they didn't get your Kiwi profile."

• **For unpolished brass:** "You must be in aviation. Looks like the ozone layer has been eating the gloss on your insignia."

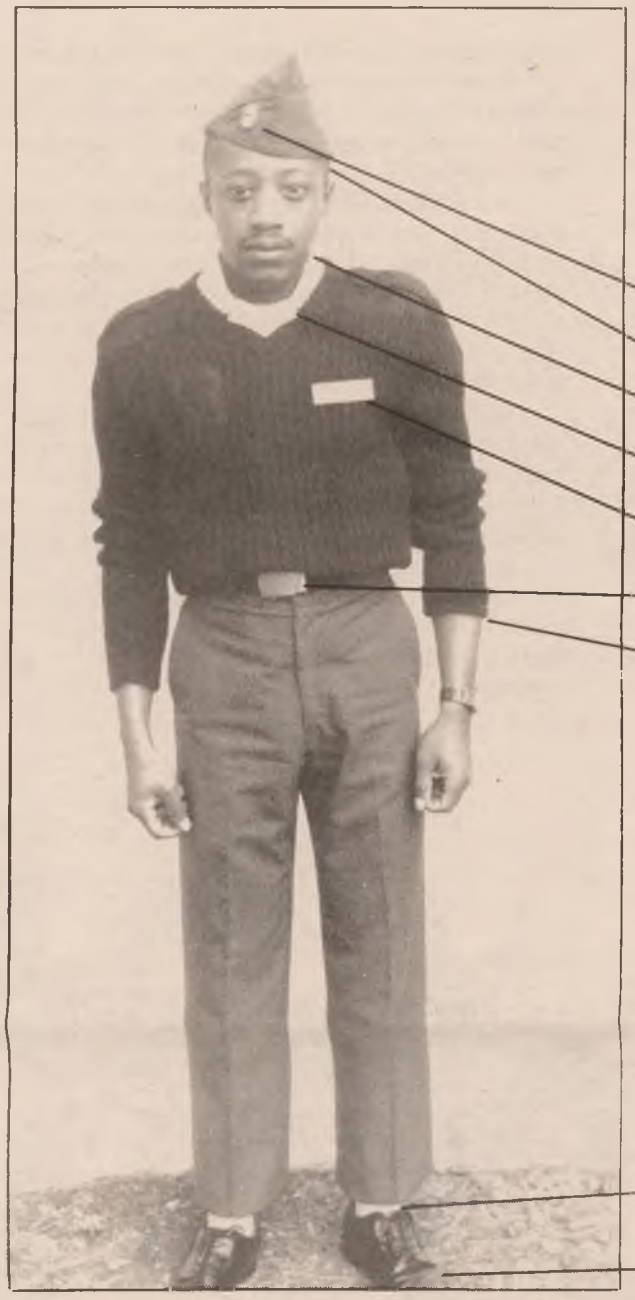
The battalion's command sergeant major, CSM Rose M. Aguayo, said she estimates that at any given time, about 20 percent of all soldiers on post are violating uniform regulations.

"If you're a soldier, you don't *just* go to work," Aguayo said. "You're a soldier 24 hours a day. At all times you represent the United States Army."

The problems, she noted, include uniform insignias worn crookedly, mustaches extending past the upper lip, incorrect head gear placement and way out hair—way out of regulation, that is.

Aguayo said she believes a person's character is, in part, revealed through their concern for the proper wear of the uniform. "It all boils down to professional pride," Aguayo said.

"They shouldn't obey the standard just because it's a regulation. They should do it because it matters to them inside."



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Prepare now —before the rumbling starts

by Steve Morey

The rumbling begins. Buildings shake like cardboard houses in the wind, while streets and sidewalks make like a roller coaster. Gas, water and electrical lines snap causing power failures and flooding. It's the BIG ONE—the one Presidians have made provisions for since the earth shook beneath the Bay Area on Aug. 8.

Or *are* they prepared?

It seems the only time people think of earthquake readiness is after a quake hits; but then it's too late. A local American Red Cross official says he hopes San Franciscans are prepared for earthquakes throughout the year.

"First, everyone has to recognize and accept that California is earthquake country," says Pete Ashen, Emergency Services administrator for the Golden Gate Chapter. "Then talk about **when**, not if, the next earthquake hits.

"Next, it's a must that you read the eight-page 'Survival Guide' in the San Francisco [white pages] phone book. It's also important to have a family plan [to evacuate the house, if necessary] and practice emergency procedures when an earthquake hits. Each person should know the closest place to take cover—under a sturdy table or in a doorway—when the rumbling begins."

Ashen adds that people should not only talk about the family plan, but **practice** it, especially with children. "Where will your family members meet if you get separated after an earthquake?" asks Ashen, who suggests that family members gather at a predetermined meeting area near the home.

During a major quake, local phone lines will most likely be down, or jammed with emergency calls to police and fire stations. Ashen says families should know ahead of time who will be their out-of-state contact in case family members get separated.

Although Presidians psychologically can do as much as they can to prepare themselves for a quake, Ashen says they can never be **totally** prepared.

"It depends on the severity of the quake. The 1964 Alaskan earthquake lasted more than five minutes. People who were in it said they thought it would never end. And the 1906 [San Francisco] earthquake consisted mostly of fires. Each quake produces its own problems."

Ashen says it's important to have the correct emergency equipment to help after a quake, such as fire extinguishers to douse any small fires, and wrenches to shut off gas and water lines. What's more vital, he says, is for people to know *how* to use such equipment.

He emphasizes that people should take Red Cross first-aid and CPR classes, offered to Presidians on post in building 97. The next scheduled CPR classes are Tuesday through Sept. 28; and Oct. 11. Call **561-2187** for more information.

"When the earthquake hits, you can't just call 911 and have an emergency ambulance and a police car at your door in four minutes. You may be on your own for a couple of days."



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This San Francisco house during the 1906 earthquake shifted and sank. *You* could be asleep in your home and then—rumble, creak—you're across the room.

Safety tips

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Here's a list of things Presidia prepare for the ne quake—predicted by Bay Area seis hit before the 21st century. preparedness now could save a h later.

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- **Flashlights and a port** both with spare batteries. Do not or candles after a quake. (Gas leak
- **First aid kit and knowledge:** Have members of take basic Red Cross first aid and Call **561-2187** to sign up for po building 97.
- **Fire extinguishers:** tinguishers are designed to use s type of fire. Know **how** to u tinguishers.
- **Food:** Keep a supply of n food on hand, including at least a ly of canned or dehydrated food, p and canned juices. Dried cereals a non-salted nuts are also a good so tion.
- **Water:** You should have a gallons a person for a 72-hour perio should be stored in air-tight co replaced at least every six months tablets such as Halazone and Glo be used; but, first read the bottle

Said American Red Cross' Pete ple take water for granted. You your water heater to the studs of keep it secure. You'll need every b water if help can't get to you for days."

Earthquake



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The Presidio opened its gates to the homeless after the 1906 quake. Emergency help during a quake might not be there for at least 72 hours.

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- **Special items:** Have at least a week's supply of medications and special foods needed for infants or those on limited diets.
- **Tools:** Pipe wrenches and crescent wrenches would be needed to turn off gas and water mains. Each adult family member, including the family's older children, should know how and where to shut off each main line.

Home Preparedness

Teach responsible members of your family how to turn off electricity, gas and water at the main switch and valves. **Do not** shut off gas unless an emergency exists. If gas is ever turned off, remember that all pilot lights must be relit. Label the main water shut-off valve, found where water enters the house.

Defective electrical wiring and leaky gas or inflexible connections are dangerous in the event of an earthquake. Bolt down water heaters and gas appliances.

According to the American Red Cross, most injuries and deaths during a quake result from falling objects and debris. Place large and heavy objects on lower shelves; securely fasten shelves to walls. Brace or anchor high or top-heavy objects.

A masonry chimney could crumble through an unsupported roof. Be aware of this: don't seek cover near a chimney. Also, flammable liquids, such as painting and cleaning products, might be safer if stored in a garage or outside shed.

For free safety tip pamphlets from the American Red Cross on post, visit building 97 or call **561-2187.**

Off post you can call the Golden Gate Chapter at **776-1500,** or visit their San Francisco office at 1550 Sutter Street.



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These four children pose near a row of Army-constructed huts erected after the 1906 earthquake. Knowing first-aid and CPR helps when medical care isn't immediately available.

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Sports

LAIR takes 1989 Cup, stops USAG's streak

by Steve Morey

One of Presidio's Davids slew Goliath. Letterman Army Institute of Research reclaimed the 1989 Commander's Cup from Headquarters Company, USAG, which had held the post's top sport trophy for the last six years. The last unit to win the 20-year-old cup before USAG was—you guessed it—LAIR, in 1982.

"It's nice to break the chain," said LAIR's SSgt. Gary Dutcher, who played volleyball, softball and bowling. Dutcher has been with the unit since 1981.

"I'm especially happy we edged out Garrison. They've been the team to beat for so long. Now we're the unit everybody's going after."

For the cup, LAIR racked up 115 points in eight intramural sports and outgunned 11 other post units. USAG came in second with 96 points. The Sports Branch awarded points during each fiscal year 1989 (fall 1988 through this month).

This year's champions only took first place in two sports, bowling and the post road race. However, LAIR's overall team participation in each sport and during rules meetings and clinics vaulted them to number one.

"Our athletes, though there aren't many, are extremely good in their respective sports," said Capt. Stephen P. Bruttig, company commander of LAIR's 115 soldiers.

"We didn't take first place a lot, but we had soldiers showing up for nearly all of the sports [except tennis]," Bruttig added. "They treat each sport as an extracurricular activity, like extra PT."

USAG's Cpl. Timothy McLean, who played basketball and football, said he was surprised his unit didn't repeat as champs.

"But I'm more surprised that LAIR won it all. You never really hear too much about them on post," said Mclean, who's been with USAG since June 1988. "It's always been Garrison, Co. A, LAMC, and maybe Sixth Army fighting for the Commander's Cup.

"For such an underdogto win it, that gives great inspiration to us all. We have to try harder to get the cup back."

According to a Sports Branch official, the Commander's Cup was created in 1969 to foster competition between post units. Sports specialist John Funes explained that although first place finishes help, they're not the key to the cup.

Funes said nearly equal emphasis is placed on team attendance at preseason meetings, while the size of each unit plays an important role as well. The Sports Branch awards points in five categories: league entry, clinic attendance, finish in standings, and participation in post and All-Army teams. Points also can be deducted when teams drop out of a league.

For smaller units, such as LAIR or the Law Enforcement Company (with 97 soldiers), more weight is given in each category. For instance, Co. A, LAMC (which is about 500 soldiers) claimed first in football, basketball, and softball, good for 48 points. In the same sports, LAIR had 49 points with second-, third- and fifth-place finishes, respectively. Add to that, Co. A, LAMC didn't compete in golf, the post road race and volleyball—and the result is apparent.

Bowling was the last sport to be tallied by Funes and the Sports Branch staff. Up until that time, USAG led by a single point. Funes said LAIR was declared number one after he added in LAIR's first place finish, worth 20 points; USAG didn't participate in bowling.



Sgt. Shawn Snell, who's been with LAIR since 1986, played on the company's volleyball and softball teams. "We finally get to hold on to the Commander's Cup for a year. It'll be nice to know around the Presido as the best," he said.

Because of Army-wide budget cuts in October 1988, the Presidio didn't sponsor any post teams, said Bobbie Gascon, Sports Branch Chief. " That probably hurt Garrison's chances of repeating again this year. And they didn't have any All-Army athletes assigned to their unit, either."

USAG soldiers, including at least five All-Army athletes, dominated the post sports scene in 1988. They totaled 162½ points, 38 points ahead of second-place Co. B, LAMC, who finished just finished just 4½ points in front of LAIR.

What about LAIR's chances of the Commander's Cup dynasty? "The enthusiasm is there, but for now, we'll take on all challengers," Bruttig said

The official Commander's Cup ceremony tentatively will be held Oct. 17 at Gym No. 1, when LAIR soldiers can bask in the glory reserved for Presidio's cream of the crop. However, next month's flag football season starts the fight for the 1990 Commander's Cup.

Then, Presidio's David must take on a slew of Goliaths.

Final Commander's Cup standings

(sport, time frame, top finishers and points awarded)

Bowling (Sept. 12, 1988 through March 1989): LAIR (20); Co. A, LAMC (17); Readiness Group (21); LEC (20); SFMID (22).

Football (Oct. 19 through Nov. 30): Co. A, LAMC (16); Co. B, LAMC (8); LAIR (17); and USAG (17), (3-way tie); Co. C, 864th (10); and LEC (19), (2-way tie).

Basketball (Dec. 20 through March 28(: Co. A, LAMC (16); USAG (18); LAIR (17); CO. B, LAMC (12); Co. C, 864th (15); SFMID (21).

Golf (April 6 to June 15): USAG (20); LAIR (18); 91st Division; Sixth Army Band (18); Co. B, LAMC (11); Sixth Army (14).

Road Race (May 16): LAIR (15); Co. B, LAMC (9); 6th CID (19); SFMID (18); USAG (5); Sixth Army (5).

Softball (June 13 to Aug. 10): Co. A, LAMC (16); Co. B, LAMC (14); Co. C, 864th (17); LEC (20); LAIR (15); USAG (14); SFMID (20).

Volleyball (August): Co. B, LAMC (11); LAIR (13); Co. C, 864th (12); USAG (11).

Tennis (Aug. 18 through 28): Co. B, LAMC (16); Sixth Army (18); Co. A, LAMC (13); USAG (11).

Final 1989 Cup standings:

	Points
LAIR	115
USAG	96
CO. B, LAMC	91
SFMID	86
CO. A, LAMC	78
LEC	66
Co. C, 864th	54
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Speech II, Practical Public Speaking, is a course to help make you a successful speaker. This three-semester-hour City College of San Francisco course will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Oct. 12 through Dec. 14 at the Fort Scott Education Center. The cost for California residents and soldiers and family members stationed in California for longer than a year is $15 plus textbook cost. All others pay $318 plus textbook cost. Tuition Assistance is available for eligible soldiers paying the higher fee. For more information and registration call a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, **561-4445** or the LAMC Eduction Center at **561-3693.**

Fall trips

Oct. 14 is the ITT trip to Historic Roaring Camp and Big Trees narrow-gauge railroad in Santa Cruz. Relax in Calistoga, have a mudbath and massage Oct 21., or ride horses along the ocean near Half Moon Bay Oct. 28. Or how about a two-night stay Nov. 3 through 5, on the Mendocino coast? Register for these trips in building 215. Payment is required with registration; call **561-3992** for information.

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Sato Travel's counselors are available to answer questions on any type of travel and assist people in arranging cruises.

The next cruise presentation is at the Presidio Officers' Club at 5 p.m., Oct 5. Call Patti or Bristol at 561-2314 for more information.



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'Honey, I Shrunk the Kids'

Rick Moranis and Marcia Strassman play parents whose children are reduced to ¼ inch tall (short?). The Walt Disney Pictures film will show at the Presidio Theatre on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Reduced theater admission prices

AAFES is introducing reduced admission prices at their movie theaters. Starting Oct 7, admission prices for all performances is $1.50 for adults and $1 for children.

Golden Gaters

Presidio Golden Gaters will sponsor an overnight tour to Lake Tahoe and Sparks, Oct. 8 and 9. The bus leaves at 7 a.m. Sunday and returns at 9:45 p.m. Monday. The cost is $36 for a single person, $26 a person for double occupancy. Call Pat Pavlisin at **561-4719** or **561-4239** for more details and reservations by **tomorrow.**

CPD workshop

The Civilian Personnel Directorate will sponsor a workshop on how to complete a federal employment application, Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the second floor training conference room of building 37. All Presidians are invited.

Tap is back

Tap dancing classes are offered at Youth Activities for all children ages 4 to 16. There are still some openings for the fall season. Classes meet on Wednesdays. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for cost and class times.

Recycling

The recycling office is in building 1244, the Fort Scott printing plant. To schedule your office's white paper pick-up, call **561-6140.**

Job Fair

The Community Career Education Center will sponsor a job fair Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, 2495 S. Delaware Street in San Mateo. Admission and parking are free.

The Peninsula Job Faire will feature more than 85 Bay Area employers including: Apple Computer; United Airlines; Stanford University; Pitney Bowes; San Mateo County, and Chevron Corporation.

Applicants are encouraged to bring several copies of their resumes and dress formally. Peninsula Job Faire employers will be recruiting for a variety of openings from entry level to professional, as well as technical positions.

For further details, call the Community Career Education Center **345-0753**

Training class

The Civilian Personnel Directorate offers a leadership and development course Monday through Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course gives first-time managers and supervisors skills to effectively lead others, manage worker teams, and to develop good management and leadership styles. Supervisors who have not taken the basic supervisory course may enroll. To find out more, call Deborah Vitale at **561-2254** or **561-4285.**

Jewish New Year

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed from sunset, Sept. 29, through sunset, Oct. 1. According to the Hebrew calendar, the year 5748 begins then. The Jewish New Year is markedly different in character from the joyous celebrations of other peoples'. It is a profoundly serious day, during which Jews come together to pray, to examine their behavior and the relationship to God.

Jewish soldiers and their family members are invited to attend the High Holy Days religious services at San Francisco synagogues. Accommodations to the services may be obtained by calling Ruth Callmann at **561-4397.**

The Upside of Down

Presidio youth will be performing *The Upside of Down,* a musical play that encourages today's youth to say "no" to drugs and "yes" to life. Performances will be Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. at LAMC's *Schwartz Theatre.* Admission is free, so bring the whole family. The show is sponsored by the Presidio Post Chapel, Thrift Shop, Youth Activities and ADAP.

Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Red Cross volunteers

Come to an orientation luncheon Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 97.

Gospel Service third anniversary

The Fort Scott Chapel Gospel Service invites the Presidio community to its third annual Gospel Service Anniversary Sunday at 3:30 p.m. A fellowship dinner will take place in the Religious Activities Center from 1 to 3 p.m., before the anniversary service.

For more information about the anniversary or the worship service call Rev. Wayne B. Richardson, lay minister, at **343-1727,** or Deacon Pleasant Lindsey at **331-7651.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Sept. 21: Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (R), 7 p.m.

Fri: Sept. 22: Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 23: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids - plus -Tummy Trouble (PG), 7 p.m. Double feature. Rick Moranis stars in "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids;" Roger Rabbit stars in "Tummy Trouble."

Sun, Sept. 24: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids - *plus* - Tummy Trouble (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 25: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids - *plus* - Tummy Trouble (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 26: K-9 (PG-13), 7 p.m. James Belushi, Mel Harris. Fast-moving cop comedy about an unorthodox police officer teamed up with a German shephard.

Wed, Sept. 27: Pink Cadillac (PG-13), 7 p.m. Clint Eastwood, Bernadette Peters. A hard-edged skip-tracer tracks down a delightfully perky young mother who has stolen her husband's convertible Cadillac.

Thu, Sept. 28: Nightmare on Elm Street V: Dream Child (R), 7 p.m. Robert Englund. Deadly Freddie Krueger, the dream monster, tries to get revenge on his nemesis, a young mother, by possessing her unborn child.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Sept. 22: Three Fugitives (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Sept. 23: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (G)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, Sept. 23: Lair of the White Worm (R)	**7 p.m.**

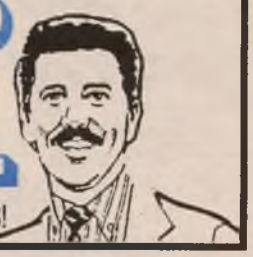
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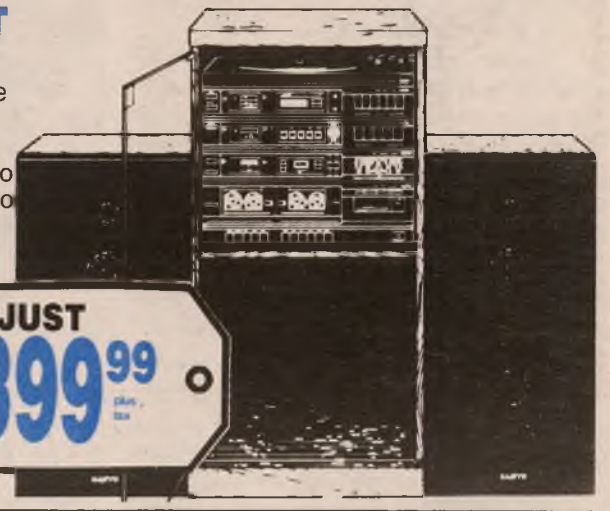
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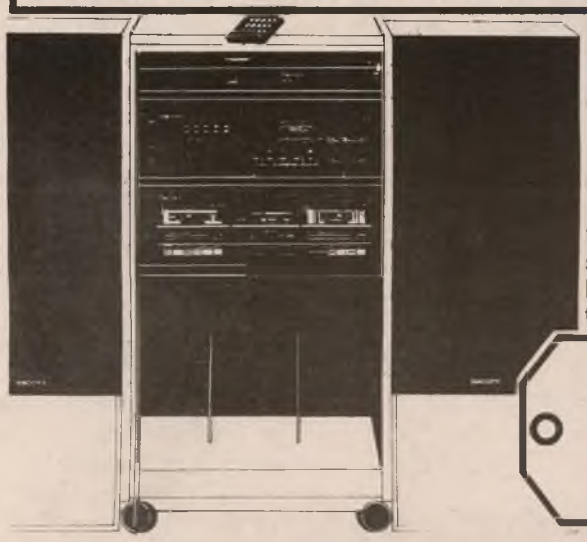
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News Briefs

200 years under Constitution

Tomorrow marks the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Army under the Constitution. An act of the First Congress brought the Army under the Department of War and all officers, noncommissioned of ficers, and soldiers were required to swear an oath to support and defend the United States Constitution. This oath, with some minor variation, is the oath we take to this day.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the founding of the United States Army, Secretary of the Army Michael Stone, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl M. Vuono, and Sergeant Major of the Army Julius W. Gates send their heartfelt congratulations to U.S. soldiers. The Army's leaders say these men and women are now so earnestly and unselfishly upholding and carrying forward the traditions and ideals inherent in the Army since its beginning in 1789.

Hispanic Fair

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by coming to the Hispanic Fair on post Oct. 7. Events will start at 11 a.m. on the Main Parade Field and include food booths, entertainment and job information booths staffed by local businesses. The Sixth U.S. Army band will perform and Officer McGruff (the Crime Watch dog) will put in an appearance.

Skateboard meeting

Attention all Presidio skateboarders: Tuesday you are invited to meet with representatives from the commander's staff to discuss how and where skateboarding may be legalized on post.

This is **your chance** to talk to representatives from various directorates about any problems and concerns you may have about skateboarding. The meeting is at 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center.

Fire Prevention Week

The Presidio Fire Department has received word that Smokey the Bear will be visiting the Presidio during Fire Prevention Week to promote fire safety.

Smokey the Bear will be appearing at the Presidio Fire Department open house Oct. 7 and will be visiting the Child Development Center the following week. Smokey will make surprise appearances all over post.

Vaccinations

Active duty soldiers are required to be immunized for measles if they received the vaccine

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Defense Secretary Richard B. Cheney addresses reporters before speaking to a Commonwealth Club audience in the Fairmont Hotel.

Cheney backs closure plans

story and photo by Steve Morey

Defense Secretary Richard B. Cheney said Sept. 21 in San Francisco that he does not support attempts by local congresswomen to keep the Presidio a military installation.

"My friends and former colleagues on Capitol Hill insist that we should ... reallocate resources away from defense to some other activity," said Cheney, "but then plead with me not to close their bases in their districts.

"That simply won't work. If we are, in fact, going to be faced with a situation where we have to save money, I don't see any alternative.

"I've got no choice but to retrench ... the Department of Defense."

Representatives Barbara Boxer, from Greenbrae, and Nancy Pelosi, from San Francisco, have tried to keep the Presidio an Army post since it was placed on a proposed 86-base closure list by the Pentagon nine months ago.

Cheney, who took the oath of office in March, spoke to a group of about 20 journalists, then addressed a Commonwealth Club audience at the Fairmont Hotel.

The defense secretary's San Francisco visit was part of a five-day trip to western military installations, including the Presidio, Fort Irwin, Calif., and Fort Carson, Colo.

In response to a question about the state of the Presidio, Cheney said he inherited from former Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci the findings of the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. The Pentagon commission recommended closing or realigning the 213-year-old post and 85 other U.S. military facilities no later than Sept. 30, 1995. The earliest any U.S. military base may close is Sept. 30, 1991.

"Under the statute, [Carlucci] wasn't permitted to pick or choose, he had to ... accept or reject the entire package," explained Cheney. "We now find a sort of a last-gasp effort on the part of some of Congress who want to deny the department the funds to complete the realignment and closure plan."

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Voices

Family Corner

by Christine Cockrell

"Whew!" sigh countless parents across the Presidio—nay, the nation—as our precious tots wave sweetly to us from school bus windows each morning. *Done* with the summer fun: the vacations; the swimming lessons; the zoo; it was a lot of work.

I now count myself among the emancipated, with a 4-year-old sent off to pre-kindergarten this year. And yet, to my amazement, there is this disquieting silence left lingering in her wake. In spite of her sister's efforts to drown out every corner of quietude, the loss of continuous refereeing creates an echo, though a faint one.

Finally, however, I have the time to pause and reflect upon my *own* direction. I'm not alone; many women on post have found in this extra time a great potential for personal fulfillment; the art class they've always wanted to take; the college education they never finished; and the community service for which they've longed to have enough time. And it sure beats cleaning the house!

If you suddenly find yourself with time to spare, you may be relieved to know on the Presidio itself lies a plethora of information and opportunity. For example, if you have decided that it is *your* turn for an education, but are overwhelmed by the prospect of researching the approximately 85 schools in the Bay Area, call the Army Education Center at **561-2974**. They offer someone a place to start. From basic education—like reading, writing, improving your English, or getting started in your G.E.D.—all the way to assistance with enrollment in a local college or graduate program, help is not far away.

If you continue, as I do, to have little ones at home and need an evening course, City College and San Francisco State University both offer courses on post during the school year. The Education Center has this information as well. They also offer free academic counseling for both the acutely and the chronically confused.

Community service information is available through the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at **561-6084**, for volunteer opportunities on and off post. From these people you can be custom-fitted to do a job of your liking, with your choice of hours and level of commitment.

If time still hangs heavy on your hands, the Arts and Crafts Center **(561-4497)** seems to be a hub of creativity on post, with classes in matting and framing, repairing and restoring furniture, and ceramics. Enterprising souls consider selling their creations through the Creative Cottage, at **561-9193**, and through the annual bazaar coming up in November or early December.

Whatever your interests, whatever your skills, whatever your needs, there is surely something more in store each day than six hours of laundry—check it out!



Letters to the editor



Since the Presidio of San Francisco has been slated for closure, I have noted the general attitude, with a few exceptions, of the employees of PSF. Rather than banding together and helping/encouraging one another, there seems to be a pervasive attitude of distrust and antagonism.

Rather than taking part in clean competition, workers are finding fault with one another in a patently obvious manner, for individual aggrandizement. There seems to be no spirit of teamwork or of working together for a common goal. As a result, any accomplishment is regarded with suspicion and doubt.

"He/she did that, and I've got to look better than that (make the other's contribution less) or I might lose my job. I don't care a bit about his/her job, now, I want to take care of myself!" The resultant back-biting, fault-finding and general destructiveness is working in the exact opposite direction for job security. the more fragmented and diwisive the work force gets, the less chance there is of maintaining any work force at all.

Judith Hansen

***Editor's note:** this is one employee's thoughts on base closure. How about you; do you have a different point of view? The* Star Presidian *welcomes your comments. Write us in building 37, room 215.*

Ramblin' Sam

"Should the Army encourage civilians to take fitness more seriously?"



Diane E. Rehbein, military family member: "Certainly. It has to do with health. If you don't have good health, you don't have anything."



Pvt. 2 Glenwood T. Hocutt, medic, Letterman Army Medical Center: "Yes; to be healthier. Before I came in [the Army] I was in terrible shape. I could only run about 100 yards before I ran out of breath. Now I do about five miles every day."



Vi E. Manahan, clerk, Scheduled Airline Travel Office, Alameda Naval Air Station: "Sure, for health purposes. It [physical fitness] decreases heart attacks. It keeps your body in shape and tones it. It's for their own good."



Capt. Scott A. Burgess, evaluator, Training Management and Evaluation Branch, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Sixth U.S. Army: "Yes. Physical fitness promotes good health. A healthy employee has less work days lost due to sickness. A healthy employee is a productive employee."

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Boxer and Pelosi claim—with the reported support of soon-to-be-released Government Accounting Office findings—that it would cost more to close the Presidio than to keep it open.

According to the base closure commission, the closings and realignments will save the government $5.6 billion over a 20-year period. For the Presidio and one of its subinstallations, Hamilton Army Air Field, the commission projects an annual savings of $74 million.

Cheney said the Presidio is a "fine facility with a noted history. It ought to continue to be a facility that's well-used by federal or local agencies." Upon closing, the Presidio's 1,441 acres are slated for control under the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a division of the National Park Service.

The nation has faced shrinking defense budgets since 1986, said Cheney, and 1990 will mean more cuts. "I'd like to be able to go through and make some individual judgments on various facilities and say, 'Let's keep this one open and not that [one].'

"The only way to get Congress to approve any base closures at all is the package. I would ... resist or oppose efforts to take that package apart piece by piece."

Cheney added that as a member of the House of Representatives, from 1978 to 1988, he voted for "every single weapons system. Now I've got to figure out how to pay for them."

In other defense-related topics, Cheney said his department will do everything in its power to battle the drug war, including giving assistance to foreign governments. However, he insisted the Defense Department is "not a law enforcement agency ... nor are we responsible for solving all of society's problems."

He said a recently released Defense Department statement puts into action President Bush's anti-drug campaign announced on national television one month ago.

"[The directive] moves our efforts to interrupt and stop the flow of illegal narcotics into the U.S. to a higher priority," he said. "It's now a ... national security problem."

Cheney set an Oct. 15 deadline for the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, Central America, to develop "specific" plans to combat South American drug cartels.

In addition, Cheney commented on the United States' military relationship with the People's Republic of China since the events at Tiananmen Square two months ago.

At that time, President Bush suspended military relations between the two countries, which Cheney said involved "$500 billion worth of transactions." Cheney said the relationship is still in a "state of suspense"; however, he said planned military projects between the United States and China haven't been cancelled.

In regard to the nation's arms control agreement with the Soviet Union, Cheney said the most "crucial" factor is verification of Soviet Union warheads.

"We think it's an extremely important element of any agreement," Cheney said. "That's one of the reasons that the major initiative the president took ... [involved] discussions with the Soviets on verification **now**," before an actual treaty is signed.

He also said the SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) budget for the upcoming year will be reduced for the first time in history. As a result, Cheney said some contracts with defense equipment firms will be cancelled.

President re-affirms SDI

by Tom Joyce

"The president has taken a long, hard look at the SDI program and has determined that the goals remain valid. The changing nature of the threats we face and the emergence of promising technical concepts argue strongly in favor of continuing to pursue an aggressive SDI program."

That's how Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Paul D. Wolfowitz summed up his recent remarks on the Strategic Defense Initiative before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

He was testifying on policy issues concerning ballistic missile defense.

The undersecretary said that even though the decision to initiate the Strategic Defense Initiative program was based on a "sober, realistic assessment" of the threat faced by the country, President George Bush upon entering office called for a comprehensive review of the entire national security strategy and objectives, including SDI.

Wolfowitz said the review, with respect to the SDI program, determined that:

- The goals of SDI remain sound. "In pursuing SDI we do not seek superiority, but to maintain the strategic balance and place deterrence on a more stable basis," said Wolfowitz.
- Pursuit of a robust SDI program provides a hedge against any near-term Soviet decision to rapidly expand its anti-ballistic missile capability beyond that allowed by the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty.
- DoD will continue to aggressively pursue options for layered defenses composed of both space- and ground-based elements.
- DoD will place emphasis on program flexibility and continue toward deployment of a system that will meet the requirements of a Phase I Strategic Defense System as defined by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- The SDI program will be conducted in full compliance with all U.S. international obligations, including the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty.
- In view of fiscal constraints, DoD has reduced its SDI budget request for fiscal 1990 and later years.

Wolfowitz then discussed with the committee what Bush's decisions on SDI say about the scope and purpose of the program.

"First," said Wolfowitz, "the president's decision takes into account SDI's long-term goal of developing, if feasible, defenses against ballistic missiles which would be so effective as to permit a major shift in our strategy from emphasizing the threat of retaliation to emphasizing direct denial of Soviet war aims and providing a true damage-limiting capability for the United States should deterrence fail."

He also noted that the president's decision recognizes that the national debate over the SDI program has tended to focus on the long-term prospect of a fundamental shift in defense dominance.

"In point of fact," said Wolfowitz, "the deployment of active defenses need not be viewed as a radical departure from current U.S. deterrence strategy."

The decision to pursue options for layered defenses indicates that such defenses would greatly contribute to deterrence and defense that could be afforded by purely ground-based defenses, he said.

In conclusion, Wolfowitz stated that the United States "must not succumb to Soviet pressures to constrain our research endeavors and allow them to maintain an edge in such a capability."

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before 1980. Active duty U.S. Army Medical Department personnel also are required to be immunized for hepatitis B. The vaccine is also available for DoD civilian health care workers.

If you have not met these requirements, call the Immunization Clinic at **561-4311** for assistance.

ID cards

Starting Monday, all ID cards (with the exception of active duty and reserve soldier ID cards) will be issued on an appointment-only basis. Appointments are between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call **561-3478**, or stop by building 86 to schedule an appointment. One day before your scheduled appointment, a clerk will telephone to confirm your information and give further instructions.

Emergency ID card replacements will normally be handled between 2 and 3 p.m. daily. Civilian ID cards are issued only on Mondays. All other ID cards—for family members, DEERS enrollment, retirees—are issued on an appointment basis Monday through Friday. Active duty and reserve soldiers still may have cards issued on a walk-in basis, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soldiers level

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

A historic building on post, gutted by an early morning fire two years ago, was leveled by soldiers Sept. 22.

Heavy equipment operators from Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, ripped down the charred remains of building 556, in a bitter end to its 86-year history.

Built in 1903, the white, wooden building stood near the intersection of Ruger and Lombard streets. It was one of about 75 buildings on post listed in the National Historic Register, according to Capt. Michael L. Herman, operations officer at the Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

It once served as the home of the 30th Infantry Regiment, "San Francisco's Own," and shortly after World War I, as the home of the 91st Division Reserve, said Ed Green, a Presidio Army Museum technician.

Presidio youths used the one-story structure as a Girl Scout Hut as recently as the early months of 1985.

In April of that year, Army Community Service, which was expanding its programs, moved into the building and began renovating. During the



Five personal computers were destroyed in the fire, which caused an estimated $935,000 in damage.



Sgt. Mark A. Young checks over his dozer's engine



The boarded-up structure stands silently, minutes before it was demolished by soldiers.

Memories

gutted historic building

next two years, walls were painted, new curtains hung, and modern, modular furniture installed.

Then, about 4:45 a.m. on Sept. 21, 1987, San Francisco residents near the building saw smoke billowing into the sky and called the city fire department.

From the Presidio Fire Department, three engines and one rescue truck raced to the scene. The city sent two engines and an aerial ladder truck to fight the blaze.

"It was very, very hot when the fire fighters got there," said Presidio Fire Chief William J. Williams. "The place had a common attic, and once the fire reached the roof, it tore from one end of the building to the other."

Also on the scene was ACS director Starine Cheek, who lives just a few blocks from the site. She woke to the smell of her own office burning. A friend called and said the post's Welcome Center was burning and she was out the door.

Standing beside Lt. Gen. James E. Moore, then Sixth U.S. Army commander, she watched the flames.

"It was unbelievable," she said. "You leave work and you think that all the things you have been working for will still be there tomorrow—all your projects, all the pictures of your family and the things you bring in to make work more pleasant.

"You think you're going to return to it, and it's a tremendous shock when you realize you can't."

Williams said the fire was under control by 6 a.m., but not before it caused $935,000 damage. He added that arson was "definitely" the cause of the fire and that the case is still under investigation.

In additon to the monetary damage, many on post feel there are other damages, perhaps harder to quantify. "It's a shame to lose any historic structure," said Herman.

"Part of our job here at the Presidio is to preserve historic buildings, not just for the Army's use, but for the benefit of the American public."

Editor's note: If funds are available, according to David L. Warner, chief of the Master Planning Branch at the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, a parking lot may be built on the site.



SFC Calvin C. Belcher, staff engineer at Headquarters Command Battalion, surveys the charred remains.



Through windowless walls, Young takes a last look inside building 556.



Within 45 minutes, the 86-year-old building lies in rubble.



Young demolishes the southwest wall; sag lines mark his progress.

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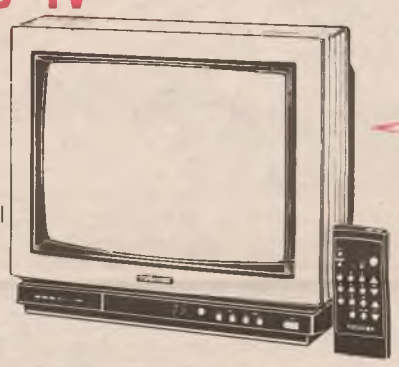
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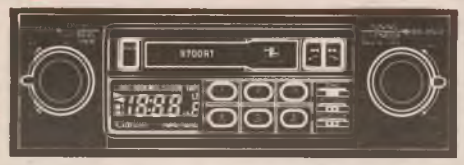
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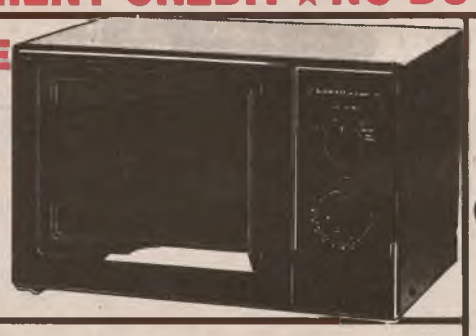
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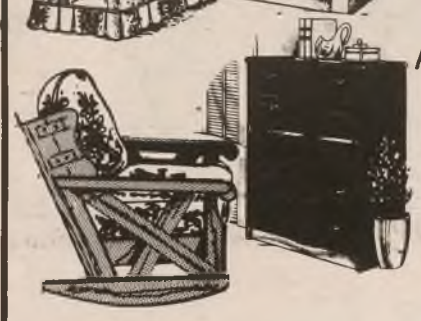
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Anti-drug play showcases Presidio talent

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Being up is down—if you're depending on drugs for elevation.

Presidio youths and parents offer this message in "The Upside of Down," a musical which brings down the curtain on the drug scene, knocks over peer pressure and uplifts self-reliance.

The play, through dialogue and music, puts wired, drug-crazed teenagers in opposition to their straight-and-narrow teacher, Mr. Howard.

Their friends notice that the two wastoids (druggies), formerly "upstanding" students, are edgy and combative. Neither will listen to the "goody goodies" as one apparently fried teenager puts it.

But Howard, through a great deal of sincerity, one tenor plea, and one trip to the principal's office, convinces the youths he's just looking out for them.

Kathy Plambeck, who, along with her husband SFC Ted C. Plambeck, directs the 13-member cast, explains the play's goal: "It encourages kids to communicate, to make their own decisions and not be led by peer pressure.

"It lets them know they're not alone. There are other kids in their situation."

Daniela G. Witzberger, 15, who plays a student in the 40-minute play, said, "The bad guys learn that drugs are not the way to go."

Youths in the Bay Area need the message, said Witzberger. "Some kids in my school walk around with bloodshot eyes, dress bummy, and they walk funny.

"It's a sad sight to see," she explained, "that they think that's [using drugs] the only way to be cool."

Ted Plambeck, an oboe player and training NCOIC at the Sixth U.S. Army Band, agrees. In fact, he said, he and his wife chose to do this particular play because the Bay Area drug scene is so pervasive.

"There are a lot of drunk driving accidents killing kids in the high schools here," he said. "Drugs are easy to come by. We want to show the kids that there are a lot of people who care.

"If they have a problem, they can go to those people to talk," Plambeck said.

Plambeck encouraged all Presidio youths and their families to attend the free play at the Schwartz Theater at Letterman Army Medical Center Sept. 30 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 1 at 9 p.m.

Members of the cast include the Plambecks, Kathy Benjamin, Amy and Dana Ferraris, Molly Burton, Nikki Landals, Kristina Fuhrmann, Daniela Witzberger, Sgt. Patrick Wilson and his wife Theresa, David Pohto, and Myron Hays.



From left to right, Nikki Landels, Daniela Witzberger, Amy Ferraris and Kristina Fuhrmann in a rap scene from the play.



What's a teacher to do? Dana Ferraris, SFC Ted Plambeck and Theresa Wilson ham it up in *The Upside of Down.*

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Sports

Slamma Jamma relies on veterans for title

story and photos by Steve Morey

Two of Slamma Jamma's "veterans," John Champion and Tyrone Turner, helped their team to an 81-74 championship win over the Hustlers in the 1989 Full-court Summer Basketball finals Sept. 20.

The duo combined for 34 points to offset a game-high 37-point performance by the Hustlers' Donald Smith, a former All-Army player.

Champion, 32, and Turner, 31, used their years of court knowledge to control the boards at both ends of Gym No. 1.

"Through the years I've been able to garner valuable knowledge about the game which helps me to offset the younger guys' speed," said Champion.

Smith, who is 28, said he has a similar playing style. "I rely on my instincts more and more. I see more of the floor than when I played in my younger days." He added that his All-Army experiences have given him the knowledge to plan ahead for the whole game.

Champion echoed Smith's remarks, likening himself to a boxer. "I can go the whole 12 rounds," said Champion. "I pace myself through the game so when the fourth quarter comes, I'm ready to go."

Turner and Champion also played for Ande's Gang, the Half-court, "Over-30" Summer League champions. Turner said the veterans have "more of a feel" for the game than the younger players.

"We know it takes teamwork to win a game," said Turner. "You can have a player who's a star, but he gets overwhelmed by the five [opposing] players. More times than not, the team that uses teamwork comes out on top."

Slamma Jamma and the Hustlers faced each other four times before the title game, twice in the regular season and twice in the playoffs. Champion said their playoff loss to the Hustlers in double overtime Sept. 18 gave Slamma Jamma the drive to come back and win it all.

"That was a real barn-burner," said Champion, who said his team's fan support during the grueling game meant a lot to him.

"It was everything you could want in a basketball game, a tight battle with the crowd going wild. Even though we lost, it kind of gave us momentum [going into the last game]."

In the title game, Slamma Jamma overcame an early 18-15 Hustlers lead, taking control at 29-22 on the strength of Jerome McKinney's three pointers. McKinney, who scored a team-high 23, hit the outside jumpers while Champion and Turner grabbed the rebounds in the paint.

At the half, the champs held a comfortable 41-33 advantage

To start the second frame, the Hustlers outscored their opponents, 9-0, with their main attack centering on Smith's driving layups and 15-foot shots. He also hit two 3-point bombs as the Hustlers led by the slimmest of margins, 42-41. It would be the final Hustler's lead.

"Before the second half," Smith said, "I told [my teammates], 'Don't rely so much on me. **You** have to take the shot and run the game, too,' I figured [Slamma Jamma] would be double- and triple-teaming me."

After a quick Slamma Jamma timeout to regroup, Slamma Jamma and the Hustlers traded buckets and turnovers. The game seesawed for nearly six minutes with each team trudging up and down the court, trying to knock each other out.

At the 11:35 mark, Champion went on a scoring spree, hitting layups and tipping in teammates' missed shots. He and Turner boxed out nicely under the boards to keep Smith and his teammates from getting to the ball.

Champion called his style of play "blue collar—where I take my bag lunch to work, punch in and give it my best shot." After the nighttime game was over, another thing collared was the championship trophy.



Slamma Jamma's John Champion pulls down a rebound before Donald Smith (33) can get to it.



Hustlers' Patrick Hopper keeps his eyes open for the Slamma Jamma defense, which held him to four points.



Jerome McKinney takes on the Hustlers' "octopus," Alex Johnson (actually, Johnson's body hides an unidentified player).



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- Active duty soldiers and their family members, 19 years old or older;
- Full time civilian employees; and
- Retired military and their family members, 19 years old and older.

A $5 entry fee will be charged at sign-up, which must be made no later than noon **today**. Participants may sign up at the Sports Office. Competition categories will be: Men's open; Men's novice; Women's open; Women's novice; and Seniors 40 years old and older.

A meeting will be held for all participants, **today** at noon in Gym No. 1. For more information, call John Funes at **561-5032**.

Jewish New Year

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed from sunset, tomorrow, through sunset. Oct. 1. According to the Hebrew calendar, the year 5748 begins then. The Jewish New Year is markedly different in character from the joyous celebrations of other peoples'. It is a profoundly serious day, during which Jews come together to pray, to examine their behavior and the relationship to God.

Jewish soldiers and their family members are invited to attend the High Holy Days religious services at San Francisco synagogues. Accommodations to the services may be obtained by calling Ruth Callmann at **561-4397**.

Gym closes

Gym No.1 will be used to test Air Force Academy candidates Sunday. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon. All other parts of the gym will remain open.

SATO Travel

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'Turner and Hooch'

Tom Hanks (the one on the left) stars as Scott Turner, a policeman whose life goes to the dogs when he teams up with Hooch. 'Turner and Hooch' plays Saturday, Sunday and Monday on post.

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POWC news

The next Presidio Officers' Wives' Club luncheon is Thursday when the club celebrates its 70th anniversary. The guest speaker will be Bud Halsey. Call Geri Margetts, **563-9807** or Judy Goertemiller, **567-0381** by Monday to make reservations. The luncheon will be held at the Officers' Club and will cost $12.

The POWC will take a tour of Fort Mason Oct. 12. Marc Kasky, the director, will give members an overview of the center, followed by a tour and lunch at Green's Restaurant. There is a $5 minimum charge for the lunch. call Ellen Litney at **346-9436** by Thursday to reserve your space.

Leave donation

A Los Angeles Military Entrance Processing Station employee is on extensive sick leave as a result of a medical problem. He has exhausted all leave and is now on "leave without pay." Anybody wishing to contribute annual leave should call Katie Malone at the Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-2255**.

ITT news

For the first time, ITT has made reservations at Le Spa Francais in Calistoga for you to enjoy a mud bath, eucalyptus steam, mineral jacuzzi, blanket wrap and half hour massage. The cost is $50 per person which must be paid at the time you register. Plan now for this Oct. 21 event call ITT at **561-3992**.

Tap is back

Tap dancing classes are offered at Youth Activities for all children ages 4 to 16. There are still some openings for the fall season. Classes meet on Wednesdays. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for cost and class times.

Education Center

ENABLE Training:

For Presidians who use ENABLE, the Education Center is offering a new workshop in ENABLE Wordprocessing on Fridays, from Oct. 6 through Nov. 17, 1 to 3:30 p.m. If you need to know all three applications of ENABLE (wordprocessing, database and spreadsheet), and ENABLE Overview workshop will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 11 through Nov. 13, 1 to 4 p.m.

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Pick up the required enrollment forms for any of these classes from a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014.

Reduced theater admission prices

AAFES is introducing reduced admission prices at their movie theaters. Starting Oct 7, admission prices for all performances is $1.50 for adults and $1 for children.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Sept. 28: Nightmare on Elm Street V: Dream Child (R), 7 p.m. Robert Englund. Deadly Freddie Krueger, the dream monster, tries to get revenge on his nemesis, a young mother, by possessing her child.

Fri, Sept. 29: Nightmare on Elm Street V: Dream Child (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 30: Turner and Hooch (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham. Fun-filled action comedy about a meticulous, by-the-book detective whose new partner is a sloppy, drooling, hairy junkyard dog.

Sun, Oct. 1: Turner and Hooch (PG), 7 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 2: Turner and Hooch (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 3: Ghostbusters II (PG), 7 p.m. Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray. Ghastly, oozing slime and ghostly apparitions once again threaten to take over Manhattan. It's Ghostbusters to the rescue!

Wed, Oct. 4: Ghostbusters II (PG), 7 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 5: Young Einstein (PG), 7 p.m. Yahoo Serious, Odile Le Clezio. The story of a zany, fictitious Albert Einstein who grows up in a Tasmanian apple orchard, formulates the theory of relativity, and invents rock 'n roll.

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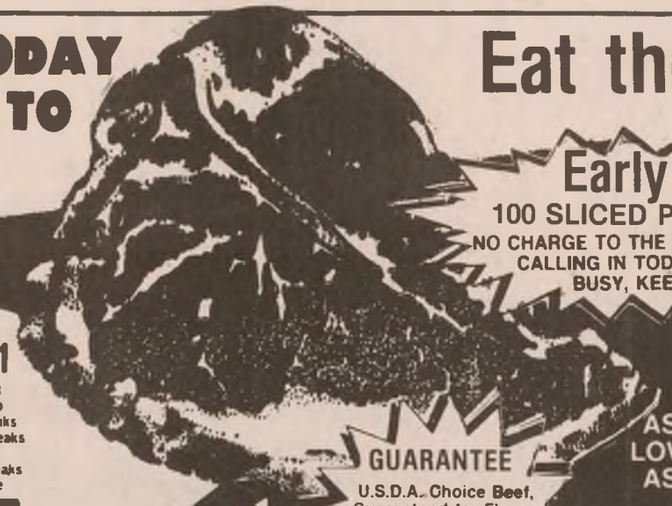
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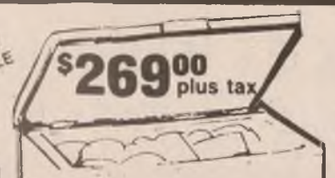
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Hispanic Fair

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by coming to the Hispanic Fair on post Saturday. Events start at 11 a.m. on the Main Parade Field and include food booths, entertainment and job information booths staffed by local businesses. The Sixth U.S. Army band will perform and Officer McGruff (the Crime Watch dog) will put in an appearance.

Handicapped awareness

A handicapped awareness seminar will be held Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Sixth U.S. Army Conference Facility in building 35. This seminar is designed for managers and supervisors of civilian employees and is part of the post's recognition of October as *National Disability Employment Awareness* Month.

Every year since 1945, October's first week has been set aside as National Employ the Handicapped Week. Starting last year, the entire month of October is set aside to recognize the efforts of disabled federal employees, including disabled veterans. The month-long recognition focuses on employment opportunities for handicapped people in the federal service, especially individual achievements of handicapped employees.

Warrant Officer selection

Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command has announced the Warrant Officer Selection Board dates for Military Occupational Specialties 420A (Military Personnel Technician), open Oct. 1, closes Feb. 28, 1990; 922A (Food Service Operations), open Oct. 1, closes Nov. 30.

For boarding information, call Military Personnel Operations Branch at **AV 586-2151** or **561-2151.** Selection results are published and distributed one week after the board.

Burger King hours

The Presidio Burger King has new hours. The dining room is now open Monday through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekends it is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The drive-through window hours are Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Roof gutter cleaning

All housing area residents on the Presidio, Forts Baker, Barry and Mason should be aware the Directorate of Engineering and Housing employees will be cleaning roof gutters now through Oct. 23.

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photo by Steve Morey

New Commissary opens Tuesday

Inside the new Presidio Commissary on Friday, cashier Reatha L. Bowen tests the electronic scanners at one of 17 checkout counters at the $12 million facility. On Tuesday, the public is invited to a 9:30 a.m. grand opening ceremony at the new commissary, across from the main post exchange on Old Mason Street near Crissy Field. Complete with its own deli, bakery and fresh fish market, the new commissary replaces the current commissary, built in 1917.

Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Dear Citizens of the Presidio of San Francisco:

It's a great day to be in the Army—or to be an Army spouse—or an Army employee—at the Presidio! Our weather has been great lately, allowing us to really enjoy this beautiful and unique place we live, and work, and train, and play.

I have been among you now for about two months. During that time I have met many of you in your workplace, at official functions and at socials. I am impressed with the professionalism, the dedication and the enthusiasm I see and feel. I have also traveled considerably and met people throughout the vast Sixth Army Area. I now realize that unlike my Post and Corps hats I wore at Fort Lewis—there they were pretty much the same areas of interest—my Post and Sixth Army hats are very different at the Presidio. In most areas here, there is little interface or interest shared between the folks at the Presidio and say the folks in Helena, Montana or Boise, Idaho. So, I have decided that I must communicate with each constituency differently. To do so with the great troops, families and employees at the Presidio, I am going to try and use the *Star Presidian.* My goal will be simple—to share with you some of the great things I see going on here as I travel about Post.

This past week I had occasion to visit and tour Letterman Army Institute of Research. The programs are very interesting, but more in particular I met some truly dedicated soldiers—Sgt. Rothhamer, 91T, Operating Room; Sgt. Heineman, 91T, Operating Room; Spec. Bennett, O1H, Laser Lab; and SSgt. Landals, 91T, Animal Care Facility.

On Saturday we had a lot of soldiers out on "Post Cleanup." I applaud the efforts of the many soldiers—their hard work really shows, the areas they worked in look much improved—and those of their supervisors. I hope the next time we do this we can work with our Mayors and get some of our housing area occupants out to help. Combining our efforts should make for an even prettier post.

Finally, we want to say "bon voyage and come home safely" to the Platoon from C Company, 864th Engineer Battalion who will depart today for temporary duty in Honduras. They will be conducting civic action missions to help the people of that country. Good luck and hurry home guys.

God Bless you each and every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding Officer

Thought for the Week:
"When we have *done our best*, we should wait the results in peace."
J. Lubbock

Ramblin' Sam

"The week of Oct. 8 through 14 is Fire Prevention Week. When you think of fire prevention and safety, what comes to mind?"



Serena A. Toy, military family member: "All the good things they teach you in grade school. Prepare an escape route for all family members and practice together. Make sure to check the stove before you leave. I also think of Dick Van Dyke rolling around on the floor in an old fire commercial."



Lt. Col. Ando Merendi, Individual Mobilization Augmentee, communications and electronics officer, Presidio: "The biggest thing I would have is not smoking in bed. General carelessness as far as using matches and candles—anything that could cause a fire."



PFC Julie M. Davis, records clerk, In-and-Out Processing, Military Personnel Operations: :"I think it's important to have fire drills and stuff. If you're not prepared, and something happens, you don't know what to do. Every workplace or office should have a fire escape plan and practice it."



Spec. Levi P. Ax, piper, 91st Division Bagpipe Band, Fort Baker, Calif.: "I come from an area with a high fire danger—Placerville [California]. People sometimes don't clear away the dead bushes next to their houses. You have to do that to make your house safe because brush fires sweep up and burn a lot of homes. Fire prevention would be to remove the bushes."

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TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

by Robert Daniel Bunting

Well, it's October and Crime Prevention Month. So once again, the Provost Marshal's Office is advising you to lock up everything in sight. Let's face it, it's not a very interesting topic to discuss.

As Military Police, we realize that although the Presidio is a beautiful place, being in San Francisco can be a bad place to leave houses, cars and offices unsecured. Larceny, what you would call theft or stealing, is the biggest crime problem on the Presidio. In most cases, the victim makes the mistake of leaving his property unsecured. This world is composed of many different types of people; some will steal your shirt off your back and others specialize in mountain bikes.

You should know how to protect yourself. Start in your home by ensuring your doors and windows lock; that's just common sense. In 40 percent of home burglaries, the thief merely walks in through an unlocked door or crawls through the unlocked window. Any structure can be unlawfully entered. *But by* making it difficult, the intruder will think twice about taking the risk. For those of you with children, share your home security plans with them. Make a game of it. As long as the children can lock and unlock all doors and windows, teach them how to react to emergencies.

Now that we have considered your home security, let's think about what you might see while commuting to and from the work place and your security while at work. For specific assistance, or group training, give us a call at the Crime Prevention Office at **561-4326** or **561-4925**. Don't forget that at any time day or night, you can call on the CRIME LINE and report suspicious activities in your neighborhood and work place at **561-CRIM**. You do not have to leave your name and all calls are kept confidential.



Do you know that there are many unlocked cars on the Presidio? If the MPs catch a car thief, all the thief has to tell the judge is, "I thought it was a used car and I wanted to take a test drive!"

Let's take a look at the crime reports and see what has happened on the Presidio recently.

The hood ornament was removed from a '77 Mercedes Benz in the Burger Kind parking lot—remember when they used to take hub caps? Times change. At Fort Baker there was a housebreaking—the thief made off with a water bed. Either the thief was strong, or he had plenty of time to work it out of the window—scary part is no one saw anything! A wallet was left unsecured on LAMC's 5th floor, and $20 went for a walk. Shoplifters are getting bolder; one lifted some linens from the PX and then tried to return them for a refund!

Even toys are not safe. A toy cart was taken in Pershing Housing and stripped for parts. Pershing also has its domestic violence situations. Unfortunately, it couldn't be settled before it became physical. ICE, a new form of methamphetamine, which has surfaced in San Francisco seems to have been found on the Presidio. One soldier has tested "positive" for this drug—let's try and keep it from seeping into our post community.

So let's fight back and support the Neighborhood Watch. Join more than 19 million Americans who are, "Taking a Bite Out of Crime," by being actively involved in Neighborhood Watch programs!

Job Opportunities

CPO Jobs

Supervisory Management Analyst: 588-89(EW), GS-343-12, closes Oct. 16.

Computer Systems Programmer: 589-89(MG), GS-334-7/9/11, closes Oct. 16.

Supervisory Computer Programmer: 590-89(MG), GS-334-12, closes Oct. 16.

Supply Clerk, 591-89(MG), GS-2005-6, closes Oct. 17.

Lead File Clerk, 592-89(RJ), GS-305-4, closes Oct. 20.

Medical Record Librarian: 593-89(MO), GS-669-7/9, open until filled.

Accounting Technician (DT): A35-89, GS-525-4/5/6, closes Dec. 29.

Voucher Examiner: A36-89, GS-540-3/4/5, closes Dec. 29.

Medical Clerk (DT): A38-89, GS-679-3/4, closes Dec. 29.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at 561-5732 or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

NAF Jobs

CHild Caregiver: PS-186-02, $5.85 an hour, intermittent, on-call, regular, part-time.

Waiter/Waitress (2 positions): NA-7420-02, $6.10 an hour, NA-7420-03, $6.79 an hour.

Food Service Worker: NA-7408-01, $5.37 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled, regular, part-time.

Club Operations Assistant: PS-1101-06, $7.23 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled.

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Custodial Worker: NA-3566-01, $5.37 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, building 37, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129-5345, or call **561-5095** or **561-2947**.

Fleet Week schedule

Tomorrow

10 a.m.: S.F. Youth Excellence Day at Aquatic Park, Navy Rock Band performance, Awards, Entertainment, Parachutists.

Noon— Blue Angels practice air show for youth.

5:30 p.m.: Association of Naval Aviation Blue Angels reception.

Saturday

8 a.m.: USS Independence arrives, anchors off Alcatraz Island.

11 a.m.: Naval Reserve Association 3-hour Bay Cruise, $40. Reservations: 525-1123.

11 a.m.: Fleet Week festivities. Viewing locations: S.F. Municipal Pier, Aquatic Park/Marina Green, Crissy Field, Marin Headlands.

11:30 a.m.: Battle Group Parade of Ships through Golden Gate. Antique aircraft show, aerial act, parachute jumps.

1-1:30 p.m.: Blue Angels air show.

3-5 p.m.: Special Boat Unit 11 rides at Pier 39.

6:30 p.m.: Navy Birthday Ball, S.F. Hilton; black tie; $50 per person. Reservations: 592-2548.

8:30 p.m.: Fireworks at Pier 39.

7 p.m.- 1 a.m.: "Carnival in San Francisco," Pier 45. Tickets required.

Sunday

8 a.m.: Port of S.F. Fleet Week Challenge Run. To enter: 387-2178.

10 a.m.-6 p.m.: Ships open for public visiting. Piers 27, 28, 30-32, 35 and 45.

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Special Boat Unit 11 boat rides at Pier 39.

11 a.m.: Softball games: big recreation field, Golden Gate Park (Navy Fleet teams vs. S.F. Police and Fire Depts.

12:30 p.m.: Oakland Navy League Champagne Brunch, NAS Alameda, $13.50 per person. Reservations: 820-1640 or 837-2514.

Monday

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Ships open for public viewing.

11 a.m.: S.F. Navy League/Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Fairmont Hotel, $35 per person. Speaker: Secretary of the Navy. Reservations: 392-4511.

Tuesday

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Ships open for public viewing.

Wednesday

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Ships open for public viewing.

6 p.m.: Rotunda Ceremony at City Hall. For information: 554-7111.

Thursday

9 a.m.: Fleet Week Battle Group departs.

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Harrison addresses AUSA

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison addressed more than 240 soldiers and civilians at the quarterly luncheon meeting of the San Francisco Chapter of the Association of the United States Army held at the Presidio Enlisted Club, Sept. 20.

"Our NCO Corps is unique among the armies of the world," said Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army commander, who praised noncommissioned soldiers in this year of the NCO.

Harrison said the purpose of the year of the NCO is to recognize NCOs and their place in the Army, not to place them on a pedestal or worship them. "It's a year for NCOs to renew their vows," he noted.

During the luncheon, Harrison presented the Army Commendation Medal and a $1,000 U.S. Savings Bond to the Sixth U.S. Army active duty NCO of the Year, SSgt. Jaime Flores.

Harrison also presented Robert L. Menist, San Francisco Chapter President, with the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service.

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Lifeline

Presidio strives to recruit, nurture disabled

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Several disabled employees on post say the government works hard to recruit handicapped employees, but sometimes fails to nurture them afterwards.

They say the government needs to do more than "celebrate" Handicapped Awareness Month this October.

James A. Winbush, a management analyst and disabled employee, says, "The government hires handicapped persons because they're motivated.

"They show they can compete just as well as any other person," believes Winbush, with Sixth U.S. Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management.

Winbush says he suffers from Marfan's Syndrome which, he said, weakens the connective tissue in the body and in the heart.

"The government treats the handicapped reasonably well," he says, "but they don't have time to give everybody the particular attention they need."

Speaking from personal experience, one employee says, "The government will hire you, but they won't promote you, encourage you, or allow you to learn." Judith F. Hansen, a file clerk at Information Systems Command Records Management, lost some motor and language skills after she was thrown from a horse in 1975 and suffered a severe concussion. She says she has received one pay promotion since she entered federal service six years ago.

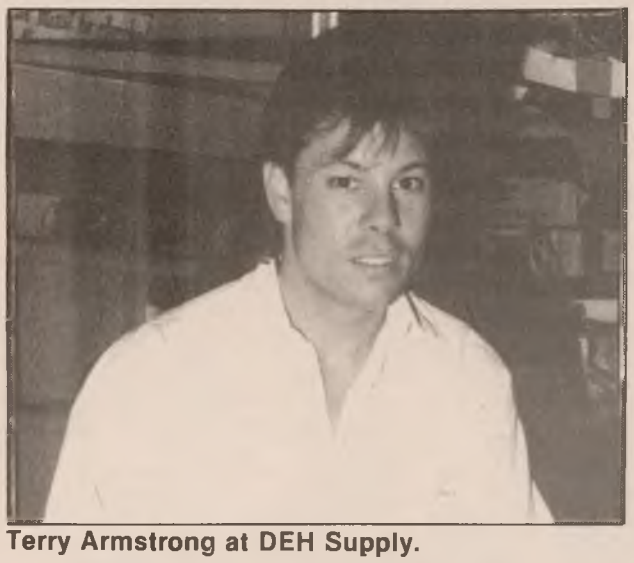
Hansen says she also feels government officials, "out of ignorance and fear," underestimate the abilities of the disabled.

"Rather than shunt the disabled off into [low grade] jobs, the government should utilize their skills," Hansen says. "If people are given the dignity of humanity," she adds, "then their ability to produce is greatly increased."

Terry Armstrong, a supply clerk and data transcriber with Directorate of Engineering and Housing Supply branch, feels loyal, skilled handicapped persons are *not* always rewarded with challenging jobs on post.

Armstrong, deaf since birth, said he has worked at the same job since he arrived on post five years ago, though he has earned two cash awards and promotions.

His supervisor, Hector Alamonte, gives him high praise, saying, "Terry does the work of three people; he's number one on my list."



Terry Armstrong at DEH Supply.

Armstrong says although he has demonstrated high potential for service, he can find only a "dead end" job on post. His job requires him to enter data into a computer for up to six hours a day.

"I like working here," Armstrong explained, "but I'm getting tired of doing the same duty for so long."

Armstrong, who describes both his supervisors and co-workers as "very supportive," says, "I feel like there's no growth in experience. On the contrary, my knowledgeability is what everybody's taking advantage of."

Armstrong admits that his deafness, which prevents him, without the aid of a special machine, from communicating with telephone callers to DEH, *may be hampering his search for a more challenging job.*

The post Handicapped and Affirmative Action Plan Manager, Ronald J. Filippone, agrees government can improve its "representation of handicapped employees."

However, he says, "The merit promotion system is a fair system. When a handicapped employee puts in for a job here, they go into a pool with everyone else.

"We run it on a merit system," Filippone explains. "Everyone has an equal opportunity based on their knowledge, skills and abilities."

The post does more than just "want" to employ the handicapped, says Filippone; it actively recruits and sponsors them.

College placement offices and local and federal agencies are just a couple of the places Filippone says he searches for human resources.

Other activities he says he performs in support of the handicapped on post are:

- Finding positions for the handicapped;
- Helping applicants [with paperwork, for example] for federal jobs on post;
- Identifying structural, transportation and communication barriers which would limit or preclude employment of the disabled on post;
- Coordinating the removal of barriers; and
- Conducting training to promote supervisors' awareness of how they can change their office to accommodate the disabled.

Filippone says the recruiting program is responsible for making the Presidio the largest employer of the disabled in San Francisco.

About five percent of the 3,304 civilian employees on post, he notes, are disabled and were hired under the affirmative action plan.

An Equal Employement Opportunity Program Manager on post said society, not government, is to blame for not allowing disabled persons to realize their potential.

"People see only what they see with their eyes when they look at a handicapped person," explains Ann Williams.

"You have to go further than that," she says. "Handicapped people are some of the most educated people you can find and we're not using them [to the best of their ability]."

Williams, also Chairperson of the Disabled Opportunity Council of the San Francisco Bay Area, says the government understands the value of employing the handicapped.

"They can be assets to any organization," she explains. "They're more loyal [than so-called "able-bodied" persons], stay longer and don't take as much sick leave.

"They have to fight like hell to get a job, and they're not about to mess it up," Williams said.

She added that the post supports—with the law's backing—the rights of disabled persons in the workplace.

Limiting the hiring or advancement of a disabled person on the basis of their handicap alone is not tolerated, she says.

To find out more about the post's handicapped employment program, and about how disabled people perform in the workplace, attend the Oct. 17 Handicapped Awareness Seminar.

The seminar will be 8 a.m. to noon, at the Sixth U.S. Army Conference Facility, building 35.

Fire Prevention Week sparks post concern

by Frederick J. Bartow, Presidio Fire Department

"Fireplay is the leading cause of fire deaths among preschoolers," says Fire Chief Bill Williams of the Presidio Fire Department. "It kills three out of every 10 who die in residential structure fires in the United States.

"The problem with children playing with fire has long challenged the fire services," Williams remarks. "With that in mind, the National Fire Protection Association selected a theme which emphasizes the importance of early education of the dangers of matches and lighters."

Fire Prevention Week 1989 is Sunday through Oct. 14. This year the focus is on the need for improved fire safety education, particularly match and lighter safety. The theme is "BIG FIRES START SMALL: Keep matches and lighters in the right hands."

According to Williams many children are faced with the temptation to play with fire every day. "Quite frankly, parents who leave matches and lighters within a child's reach are courting tragedy," Williams says. "Very young children do not have the capacity to understand the consequences of striking a match or lighter, and many older children who do understand, have no idea how quickly a fire can grow out of control."

The Presidio Fire Department reports about 75 percent of all residential fires in the United States are started with a match or lighter, and matches and lighters are what children most frequently use when playing with fire.

"Keeping matches, lighters and other heat sources where children can't obtain them is a good way to start making your home more firesafe," says Williams. "Teach your children—as well as their babysitters—that matches and lighters are tools for adults only, and reward them for bringing matches or lighters they find to an adult."

To commemorate Fire Prevention Week, the Presidio Fire Department would like to extend an invitation to all Presidians to attend an Open House on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the main fire house on Lincoln Boulevard. This will give you and your family an opportunity to meet and visit with firefighters. Guided tours of the fire house and the fire equipment also will be conducted. In addition, the Presidio Fire Department will be visiting the Child Development Center during Fire Prevention Week to teach fire safety to the preschoolers.

To wind up Fire Prevention Week, which coincides with the opening of the new commissary, the Presidio Fire Department will display its new fire equipment in the parking lot of the new commissary on October 13 and 14.

Editor's note:

Organizations, such as the scouts, wives's clubs and teen clubs are encouraged to contact the fire department to arrange for individual tours of the Presidio Fire Department. The Presidio Fire Prevention Office also will sponsor fire safety presentations to any organizations wanting this type of program.



Children on post have forsaken the wiles of youth to pummel this geodesic anomaly. Why?



Trevor Harrison (R) pounds the dirt as another youth sweeps past in a steal.

'Scrappy' youth kick a

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Playing on one of the three youth soccer teams on post gives kids an opportunity to help society, says one coach.

"It gets them out of their parents' house," explains Gregg Gannon, an assistant coach for the Under 12 [years old] team, who was being mauled Sept. 28 by five of his players.

After Gannon sheds the five tacklers and stands again, he generously adds, "Soccer really teaches kids to work hard and feel good about themselves."

The 60 to 65 youths involved are "passionate about the game ... they're some of the best players I've ever seen," says Gannon, who has played all over the world since entering the sport at age 5.

"They've got mellow heads," he explains, "but they're scrappy. They're fighters."

Why would kids get involved in soccer, when there are computer games to duel with, brothers and sisters who need harassing and more lonely televisions than we can count?

"It's funner," says one authority on youth soccer, 12-year-old Rachael R

Miller, who practices wi
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plains, "I like to get on th
around.

"I don't like to waste
potato," she adds. And,
Miller confides, "I think T

"It's good exercise,"
Lance C. Dawson, 8. "It m
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Eight-year-old Brando
brother, rubs his flat-top
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"My parents made me.

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His father, SFC Mich
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Heads Up



Coach Gannon lectures on sportsmanship and skill.



Appreciative, the youths gang-tackle him.



Ivan Anderson readies to whale into the ball.

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Miller, formerly a women's volleyball coach at the University of California, Riverside, adds, "Kids at his age don't have many social skills—and you can't make it in life without social skills."

Tim E. Riley, who coaches one of two Under 8 teams on post, says it's inspirational to see children develop in the sports program.

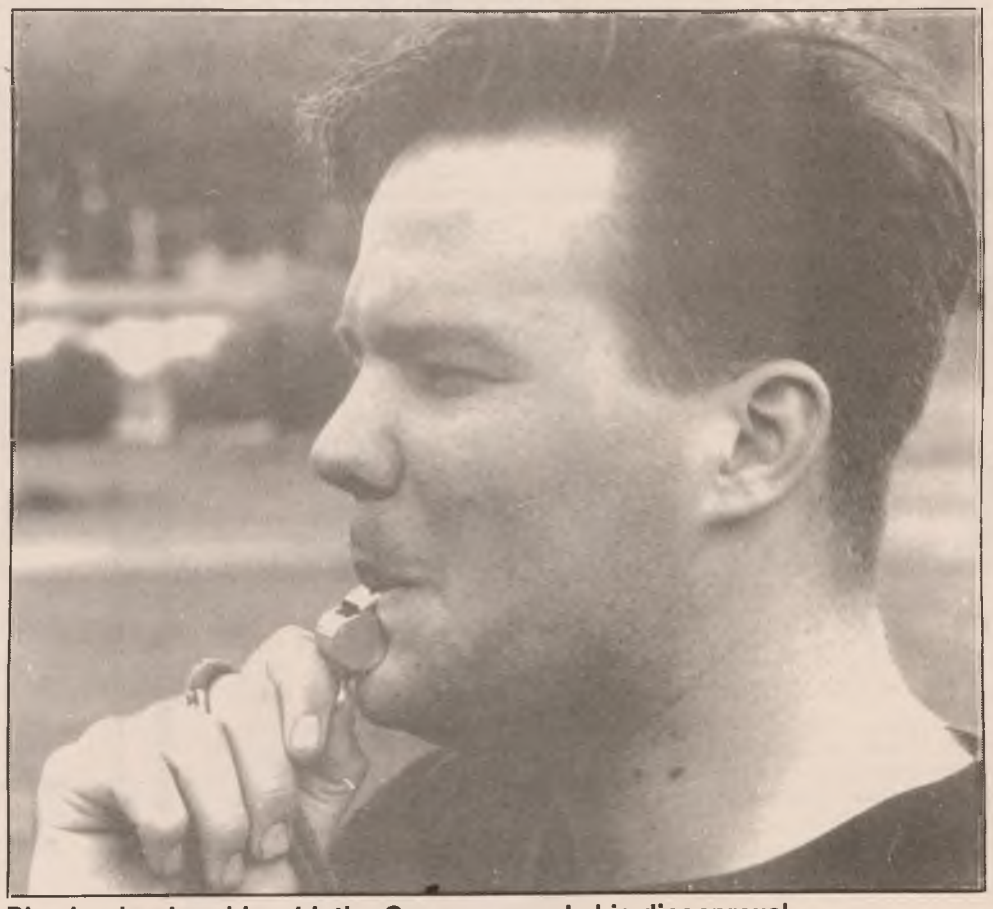
"A few of them are ... headed for jail," he says. "And I think one of them will be a politician; he loves to talk."

Riley says he also believes soccer teaches important social skills. He says he can see the benefits of the program from watching children interact on the field.

"I see them working on friendships," he explains. "This is where they stop learning to be an individual and start learning how to work as part of a team."

Perhaps a more eloquent spokesperson for the game can't be found than 9-year-old Jamie M. Allor.

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Community Calendar

Post Chapel news

The Post Chapel religious programs are starting their fall schedules. Activities will be held at the Religious Activities Center, building 682.

Protestant Church School began Sunday. It is not too late to register. Classes are for children (3 years old and older) and adults. A bus to all housing areas on the Presidio is provided.

Catholic Religious Classes had an open house registration on Sunday. (Registration will remain open until classes begin.) Classes will begin Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon. There are classes for children 4 years old through junior high school age. A bus to all housing areas on the Presidio is provided.

For more information, call Stephen Miller at the Religious Activities Center, building 682, at **561-3535** or **561-4440**.

Presidio's Protestant Chapels will be starting two new music programs Oct. 15. Kids Choir is open to boys and girls age 6 to 12 years old and will practice at the Religious Activities Center on Sundays, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. They will learn basic music skills and play real instruments. Bell Choir is for teens and adults and will practice at the RAC on Sundays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. No musical experience is needed for either group. Both groups will perform in the Chapel's Christmas Concert as well as at Presidio's Chapels. Call Kathy Plambeck at **561-6250** for more information or come to the first rehearsal.

The Post Chapel's Adult Choir can always use more voices, especially now that they are preparing for the Christmas season. They rehearse every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Post Chapel. Child care is provided for Tuesday rehearsals.

Catholic Mass schedule change

The weekly Sunday Catholic Masses celebrated at 9 and 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Our Lady, will be discontinued starting Oct. 15, and replaced with a single Mass at 10 a.m. The weekly Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m., as well as weekday Masses at 11:30 a.m. are not affected by this change.

Questions can be directed to the installation chaplain's office at **561-4719** or the Catholic Chaplain's office at **561-3700**.



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'An Innocent Man'

Tom Selleck stars in this adventure movie. *An Innocent Man* opens at Bay Area theaters tomorrow.

Aquarists unite

Mad for Mbunas? Passionate about Platies? Think Tetras are just terrific? Or do you think Mollies are *magnificent?!* If so, then you are interested in aquariums—and those who live in them—and probably have one or two or 15 tanks.

So... is there a Presidio club I can join? "*Conquistadors del Mar*" is the scuba club, so it can't be that—maybe it's called "Presidio Aquarians"? No? Maybe no one has started one!!!

If that's the case, then let's start one! If there is an established club, I'd like to hear about it. In any event, Please call Liz Greeley at **561-5463**.

Live entertainment

Presidio youth will be performing *The Upside of Down*, a musical play that encourages today's youth to say "no" to drugs and "yes" to life. Performances will be Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. at LAMC's Schwartz Theatre. Admission is free, so bring the whole family. The show is sponsored by the Presidio Post Chapel, Thrift Shop, Youth Activities and ADAP.

Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Education Center

Free workshops in two programs will start this month at the Education Center. **Displaywrite 3** will meet Mondays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 16 through Dec. 11. **Wordperfect 5.0** is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m., Oct. 17 through Nov. 7.

Pick up the required enrollment form from a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014.

Back to school dance

Youth Activities is having a dance to start off a fun school year. Each teen may bring one guest per I.D. card holder.

The dance is Saturday at 8 p.m. in the YA Center, building 1331. Admission is $3 a person.

For more information, call YA Program Director Deloris Moore at **561-5910**.

ITT news

Calistoga attitude adjustment! For the first time, ITT has made reservations at *Le Spa Francais* in Calistoga, Calif., for you to enjoy a mud bath, eucalyptus steam, mineral jacuzzi, blanket wrap and half-hour massage. The cost per person is $50 and the trip is Oct. 17.

Relax in the redwoods and ride the Roaring Camp Train in the Santa Cruz mountains Oct. 14. The cost is $8.50 plus train fare.

The ITT horseback riding trip is a two-hour beach ride. Then you'll be off to visit the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival. You must be 8 years old or older to ride the horses and the cost is $31.

All ITT trips are on a first come, first served basis. Full trip payment is due at the time of registration. ITT is located in building 215 and the phone number is **561-3992**.

Luau

Tickets for the Oct. 28 Sports Branch California-style luau are now on sale and going fast! Buy your ticket in Gym No. 1 or call the Sports Branch at **561-5032**or **561-4120** to reserve your tickets. The cost is $15 a person.

The luau will start at 5 p.m. with plenty of refreshments, food, music, Hawaiian floor show and dancing until midnight. Come early and see the *pig pulled* out of the imu (underground oven).

Thrift Shop

The next Thrift Shop Saturday opening and flea market will be Saturday. Bring a *table, valid I.D.* card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an extra charge for additional space and no reservations are needed. The flea market is open from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the Thrift Shop. The shop pays bridge tolls and child care. Call **922-3384** for information.

Leave donation

A Los Angeles Military Entrance Processing Station employee is on extensive sick leave as a result of a medical problem. He has exhausted all leave and is now on "leave without pay." Anybody wishing to contribute annual leave should call Katie Malone at the Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-2255**.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Oct. 5: Young Einstein (PG), 7 p.m. Yahoo Serious, Odile Le Clezio. The story of a zany, fictitious Albert Einstein who grows up in a Tasmanian apple orchard, formulates the theory of relativity, and invents rock 'n roll.

Fri, Oct. 6: Young Einstein (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, Oct. 7: Lethal Weapon 2 (R), 7 p.m. Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. A pair of mismatched police detectives babysit a mob accountant, not knowing he is the key to a case they've been doggedly pursuing.

Sun, Oct. 8: Lethal Weapon 2 (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 9: Lethal Weapon 2 (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 10: Lethal Weapon 2 (R), 7 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 11: Let It Ride (PG-13), 7 p.m. Richard Dreyfus. A habitual losing gambler suddenly gets unusually lucky.

Thu, Oct. 12: Lock Up (R), 7 p.m. Sylvester Stallone, Donald Sutherland. An action-packed drama about a prison inmate who must use all of his mental and physical powers to outwit a vengeful warden and his team of guards.

Fri, Oct. 13: Lock Up (R), 7 p.m.

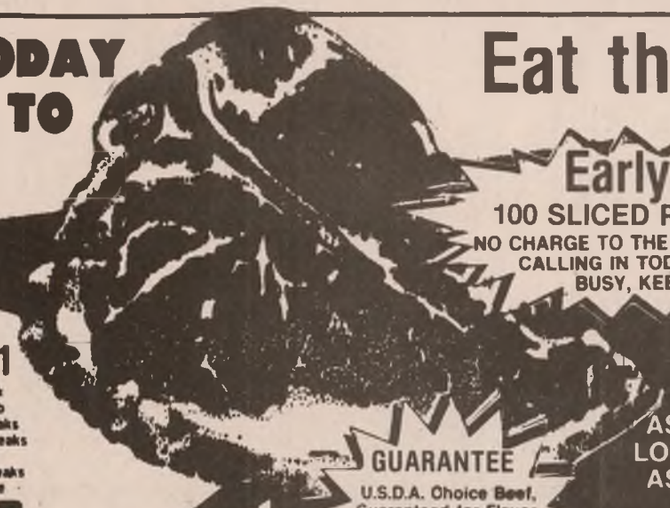
Hamilton Theater

Fri, Oct. 6: Chances Are (PG)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Oct. 7: Ichabod and Mr. Toad (G)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, Oct. 7: Skin Deep (R)	**7 p.m.**

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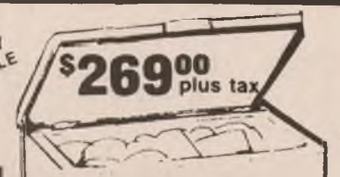
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News Briefs

Fire inspections

As part of the Presidio's observance of National Fire Prevention Week, selected family quarters will be inspected for fire hazards. From Monday through Oct. 31, post fire inspectors will look for such potential hazards as frayed electrical cords, the use of extension cords and storage in heater rooms. Smoke detectors will be tested and residents will be asked to discuss exit procedures in case of a fire. Residents are expected to correct any fire hazard not handled by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

Residents of the quarters listed below must make arrangements for an adult family member to be home during the scheduled inspection. If this is not possible, some inspections can be rescheduled for evenings and weekends. Call **561-4220** to set up an appointment if you absolutely cannot be home during the time scheduled.

If residents are not home when the fire department staff arrives, residents will receive instructions to make an appointment.

Schedule

Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 1; 8 a, b; 11 a, b; 13 a, b; 56; 57; 128 a, b; 1407 a, b; 1415 a, b, c, d; and 1416 a, b.

Tuesday, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 327 a, b; 330 a, b; 331; 335 a, b; 336; 337; 341; 342; 1419 a, b, c, d; and 1421 a, b, c, d.

Tuesday, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 404 a, b,; 407 a, b; 412 a, b; 414 a, b; 419 a, b; 1432 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1442 a, b, c, d.

Wednesday, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 424 a, b; 432 a, b; 513 a, b; 530 a, b; 1711 a, b, c, d; and 1713 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h.

Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 536 a, b; 540 a, b; 543; 548 a, b; 550 a, b; 1504 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1507 a, b, c, d.

Thursday, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 717 a, b; 719; 723 a, b; 726 a, b; 727 a, b; and 1509 a, b, c, d, e, f.

Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 729 a, b; 731 a, b; 733 a, b; 746 a, b; 751 a, b; and 1511 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h.

Oct. 20, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 754 a, b; 757 a, b; 772 a, b, c, d, e, f; 1513 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1514 a, b, c, d, e, f.

Oct. 23: 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 779 a, b, c, d; 780 a, b, c, d; 784 a, b, c, d; and 1517 a, b, c, d, e, f.
b; 1253; 1256; 1258 a, b; 1262 a, b; 1526 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1529 a, b, c, d.

Oct. 24, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 786 a, b, c, d; 790 a, b, c, d; 1518 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h; and 1524 a, b, c, d.

Oct. 24, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 1000; 1236 a, b; 1263; 1256; 1258 a, b; 1526 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1529 a, b, c, d.

Oct. 25, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 1266 a, b, c, d; 525; 528; 530 a, b; 532 a, b,; and 540 a, b.

Oct. 25, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 1279 a, b, c, d; 1282 a, b; 1289 a, b; 1290 a, b; 1533 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1537 a, b, c, d, e, f.

Oct. 26, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 1293 a, b; 1310 a, b; 1324 a, b; 1332; 1337; 1540 a, b, c, d, e, f; and 1544 a, b, c, d.

Oct. 26, 1 to 4 p.m.: Family quarters number 811 a, b, c, d; 813 a, b, c, d; 1545 a, b, c, d; 1552 a, b, c, d; and 1553 a, b, c, d, e, f.

Oct. 27, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family quarters number 817 a, b, c, d, e, f; 851 a, b, c, d; 1557 a, b, c, d; 1559 a, b, c, d; and 1561a, b, c, d.

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photo by L. Reed

Air assaulters

PFC Alan Morales, an air assault trainee from Headquarters Company, USAG. gives the thumbs-up sign during obstacle course training at Fort Ord, Calif., Oct. 2. Morales is part of a Headquarters Command Battalion group training for Air Assault School at Camp Gruber Okla., in December. For the story and more photos, please see page 6.

Voices

Presidio View
by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Fleet Week run tops list

It was a great Columbus Day weekend! How about this weather we had for the weekend? And those A's and Giants? Hoo Ah! And Fleet Week got off to a glorious start welcoming our Navy fellow servicemembers to the Bay Area. So, all in all, we have much to be thankful for —especially since as of this writing I know of no deaths or serious injuries suffered by any Presidio personnel. It's always a GREAT DAY when we survive a long weekend safe and secure. My compliments to each of your for living "SAFETY."

Speaking of Fleet Week—I saw a number of you at the Fleet Week Challenge Run on Sunday. We had an Army team entered and they did SUPER—came in 2nd overall—(next year we go for the Gold!) at 145 minutes. Our team was composed of:

Maj. John Costigan, Sixth U.S. Army
SSgt. Lon Kincannon, LAIR
CW5 Fred Meine, Sixth Region CID
SFC Jeff Huber, Sixth Region CID
CW2 Ray Brown, Sixth Region CID
Cpt. Ron West, U of C, ROTC
2nd Lt. Don Bank, LAMC
V. Bernadette, family member

CW5 Meine came in second in his age group and received a very handsome medal and SSgt. Kincannon come in 11th overall with a great 27:30! Hoo Ah to all you fellow runners—I finished but my time is a military secret!—and a real big Hoo Ah to our Army Team. Ya' done good!

Hope you all saw the LAMC Color Guard at Saturday night's Giants/Cubs game. They looked great and performed professionally. Congrats to each of them.

Tuesday a.m. I had a great run with the Headquarters Battalion. Lt. Col. Razel asked me to join the battalion as they returned to duty from the weekend in a very appropriate Army way—a 3-mile run! The Garrison Company, MPs, C/864th Engineers, USAISC, Garrison staff officers,and the Sixth Army Band all looked and sounded great. It really pumps up an ol' soldier to hear the beat of running feet and the singing of cadence early in the morning. It's a wonderful sound that I hope all our citizens enjoy and appreciate. And you know, of all the units I have belonged to, this is the only band I've ever known that *runs* instead of *plays!* And led by the Bandmaster! Super job band—Hoo Ah! And thanks to all the Headquarters Command for inviting me to join you.

God Bless You Every One
William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

P.S. Monday was not only Columbus Day, but was also Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. All best wishes to all our Jewish fellow servicemembers.

"Well *done* is better than well said."

Ben Franklin

CFC challenges Presidians to care

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Seems like only yesterday we were all filling out pledge cards for the Combined Federal Campaign. But trust me on this, it's been a year.

When CFC time rolls around I've seen many a person duck into empty offices with the CFC coordinator hot on his heels in pursuit. Folks, it doesn't have to be that way.

Take a good look at the CFC charity list this weekend. There are organizations that really need your help to continue all the fabulous things they do. They're only asking all of us to give as unselfishly of ourselves once a year as they do all year long.

Even for those of us with budgets stretched tight, a payroll deduction is pretty painless. For the money you spend every day on a can of soda you can make an important difference to the people who are served by the more than 700 charities.

You may even find a few of your favorite organizations have joined CFC. There are groups which specialize in service to the military, those which fund research to cure debilitating illnesses, a few which grant wishes to critically ill children and many which work to preserve the environment. It seems as though everyone should be able to find a charity worthy of his hard-earned dollars.

One of the things I like the best about the Combined Federal Campaign is the sense of unity with the Bay Area federal community. Everyone works together on this project. Over the years I've gotten to meet people from dozens of federal agencies. It's a good feeling to share a goal.

So, pull out that pledge sheet, arm yourself with the CFC brochure and a pen. Take up the CFC challenge!



photo by Steve Morey

CFC kazooists

The Civilian Personnel Directorate's roving "musical" group, "Nowinski's Kazooskis,"entertain during one of the office's CFC fundraising meetings Oct. 4.

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A 1976 reenactment of the founding of the Presidio during bicentennial festivities on post.

Hispanic Heritage Month

History reveals Presidio's roots

by Joel P. Smith

The past is all dusk distant and sounds notes in our memories perhaps of a Victrola spinning hard-edged notes, or lifts from yellowed books to fill us with an exalted sense of time.

In this way we put romance into the past that sometimes doesn't deserve it. That's certainly the case with the Presidio. The first tourists didn't find it so romantic; they wanted out.

The first Englishman to set foot on the Presidio was thoroughly disgusted.

Looks like "a pound for cattle," commented English Captain George Vancouver, who in November 1792 sailed through the Golden Gate while searching for a Northwest Passage to the Atlantic.

He anchored in the bay and strolled up the wind-ravaged coast, to "the only object of human industry which presented itself," according to his log.

On a plain above the rolling blue Pacific, he found a squat, square building walled in with mud, sporting scraggly brushes as a defensive perimeter.

"Gag me with a spoon," was what he heartfully meant, but Valley Girlspeak was 200 years distant, so, with limited faculty, he struggled to *say* the fort was "ill-accorded with the ideas we had conceived of the sumptuous manner which the Spaniards on this side of globe live."

The Spaniards on "this side of the globe" would have been better off, Vancouver might have noted, if the English crown wasn't licensing and outfitting English pirates to prey on Spanish galleons.

The dwindling Spanish empire, its gold (also pirated) swelling English coffers, supported the Presidio outpost in name primarily, stockpiling goods for the nearer colonies.

When Vancouver smugly surveyed the fort, 35 soldiers and their families were within the walls, living off scratch gardens and occasional vegetable raids on the countryside.

There was no golf course.

There was no NCO club.

The soldiers hadn't been paid for seven years, Adelbert von Chamisso found when he visited from Oct. 2 to Nov. 1, 1816.

For seven years they waited, their Leave and Earning Statements, requests for separate rations and TDY orders possibly having been messed up at HQ.

There was no commissary with a deli and frozen food section.

There was no video store.

Chamisso, a naturalist and botanist who sailed into the bay on the Russian Rurik, noted the indifference of Spain toward the outpost.

In his diary, he wrote: "Spain ... maintains her Presidios at great expence [sic] ... Yet all California lies without industry, trade and navigation, desert and unpeopled.

Spain founded the Presidio and its mission settlements, historians tell us, to create a battery of defenses against foreign expansionism and to vitalize its foreign trade. While she had the power to plant flags everywhere, she had trouble keeping them flying anywhere.

As if it wasn't bad enough, the place kept collapsing. Spanish architects, having hit on adobe in the Old World, which was pretty arid, tried it out on the New World, which wasn't.

So every winter the rains washed the Presidio out to sea. Formally established, in adobe, on Sept. 17, 1776, it was destroyed or damaged annually, throughout the Spanish reign (1776-1812), the Mexican era (1822-1846), and about the first decade of the American occupation, beginning in 1847.

It's very easy to be romantic about this: imagine a Spanish soldier—swarthy good looks—holds his arms about his wife to shelter her from the wind.

Oddly, they are in the living room.

He has not been paid in seven years and he and his wife are thinking about this as they stand in bewilderment, raw with rain, watching the Presidio run once again in tiny rivulets around their feet, to gently over the cliffs spill, again darkening the bay.

There was no bowling alley.

There was no Burger King.

Those were the good old days.

Editor's note: Two sources were used for "factual" references in this story. They were Old San Francisco, *by Doris Muscatine, and* The Historic Presidio of San Francisco, *by Gordon Chappell*

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Commercial Activities

The Office of the Assistant of the Army directed the cancellation of all going and proposed Commercial Activities studies at the Presidio due to the proposed base closure.

Increased weight allowances

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Under the new policy, single and unaccompanied soldiers of all ranks are allowed to ship increased amounts to and from duty stations outside the continental United States.

Refer to the table below for the new weight allowances:

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E4	500	800	1,300
E5	500	1,000	1,500
E6	500	1,250	1,750
E7	500	1,500	2,000
E8	500	1,500	2,000
E9	500	1,600	2,100
O1/W1	600	1,400	2,000
O2/W2	600	1,400	2,000
O3/W3	600	1,500	2,100
O4/W4	600	3,500	4,100
O5	600	4,000	4,600
O6	800	4,500	5,300
Short tour			
E1-E3	500	150	650
E4	500	350	850
E5	500	500	1,000
E6	500	500	1,000
E7	500	700	1,200
E8	500	800	1,300
E9	500	1,000	1,500
O1/W1	600	1,000	1,600
O2/W2	600	1,000	1,600
O3/W3	600	1,000	1,600
O4/W4	600	1,000	1,600
O5	600	1,000	1,600
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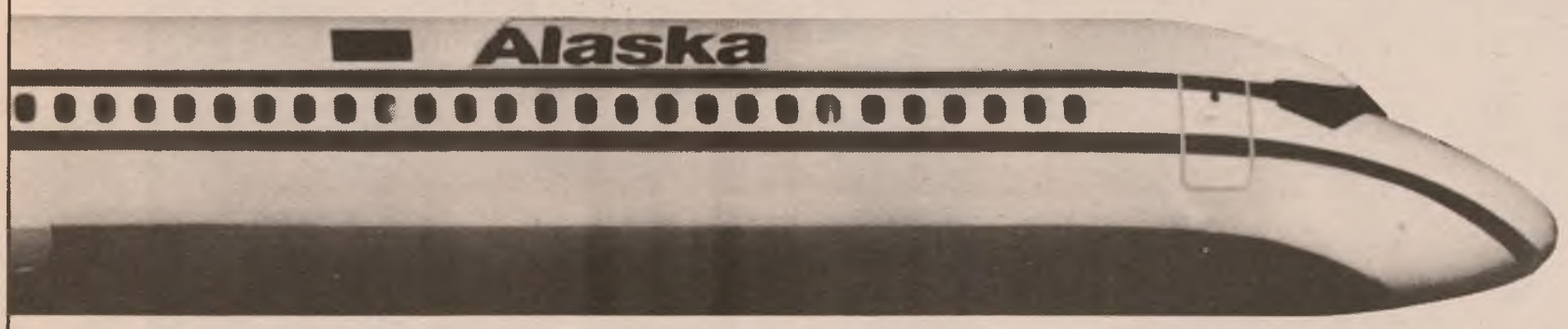
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Before dawn, Maj. Ron Benton, (far right), Headquarters Command Battalion's executive officer, leads his "air assaulters" along Crissy Field.



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Soldiers climb toward air assault badge

by Steve Morey

Dec. 16 might seem like a long time coming for most Presidians. "Two months from now? It's not even Halloween yet. I still haven't picked out my costume," you might say. For many people, Santa Claus, holiday shopping, and family get-togethers will fill the days just before the New Year.

But, for 18 soldiers from Headquarters Command Battalion on post, the December date means one thing—and one thing only: graduating from Air Assault School at Camp Gruber, Okla.

"Dec. 16 is just around the corner. I just want to go there, get it over with and get back to the Presidio wearing that badge," says a confident SSgt. Patricia J. Thiel. She's the only woman, out of three, who's still in the air assault prerequisite training program at Headquarters Command Battalion.

Thiel, assigned to Headquarters Company, USAG, adds that this is the toughest training she's been through in her 12-year Army career.

At 6 a.m. weekday mornings, the group assembles behind battalion headquarters with their trainer, Maj. Ron G. Benton, the battalion's executive officer. As a Marine in 1979, Benton graduated fourth out of 250 at Fort Campbell, Ky.'s air assault school.

Without a doubt, Benton takes his training seriously.

During the morning workouts, the bones creak and the sweat flows, even at temperatures stuck at the 45-degree mark. Benton leads them through a three- to seven-mile rollercoaster jaunt through the post, and sometimes off-post, on the streets of San Francisco.

1st Lt. Thomas P. Cassidy, adjutant for the battalion, says, "Like a lemming to the ocean, I have a need to do things like this. I was getting flabby and out of shape.

"I expect to see us—because we've been training—to do a lot better than the other folks down there [at Camp Gruber]," adds Cassidy. "We want to show them that we're not sitting on our butts doing nothing at the Presidio."

According to Benton, Sixth U.S. Army was offered 20 air assault slots, which they promptly offered to the 650-soldier battalion. Sixty soldiers from USAG, the Law Enforcement Company, and Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion responded to the challenged.

On Sept. 7, 40 enlisted soldiers and officers showed up for the first day's workout under Benton's tutelage. After a few dropouts and "can't-take-it-anymore's," the field has dwindled to the present dozen and a half. Benton says he'll only send the battalion's best; if that means only 10 or 12 Presidians, that's how many will go.

"We would be highly embarrassed if we sent our soldiers [to Camp Gruber] and have then return the next day."

"We would be highly embarrassed if we sent our soldiers [to Camp Gruber] and have them return the next day." That guidance, explains Benton, was given to him by Lt. Col. John M. Razel, the battalion commander.

Citing the overall benefits of the training, Charlie Company's Spec. Janes D. Coffey says, "It's worth the pain and sweat. It really gives me momentum and stability for the PT test. I think of it as a little challenge."



Coffey laughs when asked what he thought about Benton's torrid training the first morning at Oh-dark-hundred. "I thought it was hard and fast paced. Since we've been at it a few weeks, it doesn't bother me now."

Yesterday, the "trainees," each with a 30-pound rucksack, completed a 12-mile march back and forth along Crissy Field. They also negotiated an obstacle course Oct. 2 at Fort Ord, a near replica of what awaits them at Camp Gruber.

"I wouldn't have got through the obstacle course without [the other soldiers' help], and it's not just one or two guys helping, it's everybody," says Thiel.

Benton explains that soldiers must be in top physical and mental shape before getting into the school. "We ran the soldiers through at Fort Ord to see who was afraid of heights. If he [or she] can't meet the standards at the school, he's a no-go." Soldiers must pass each of the rigorous air assault tasks including "The Tough One"—a 40-foot tall tower latticed with rope ladders.

"The obstacle course doesn't care what MOS [military occupational specialty] you're in, it shows no favoritism," says Benton. The Presidio group has administrative clerks, engineers, and military police, to name a few of their titles.

"I feel the most important thing about Air Assault School," adds Benton, "is that it's a confidence builder, and the training the soldiers get—they can carry that with them to their next duty station."

While most people get set for the holidays, 18 post soldiers are preparing to give themselves a hard-earned gift this December: an air assault badge upon their chests.

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Oklahoma Bound



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Wilson flings his 6-foot-8-inch frame over a 10-foot high wall.

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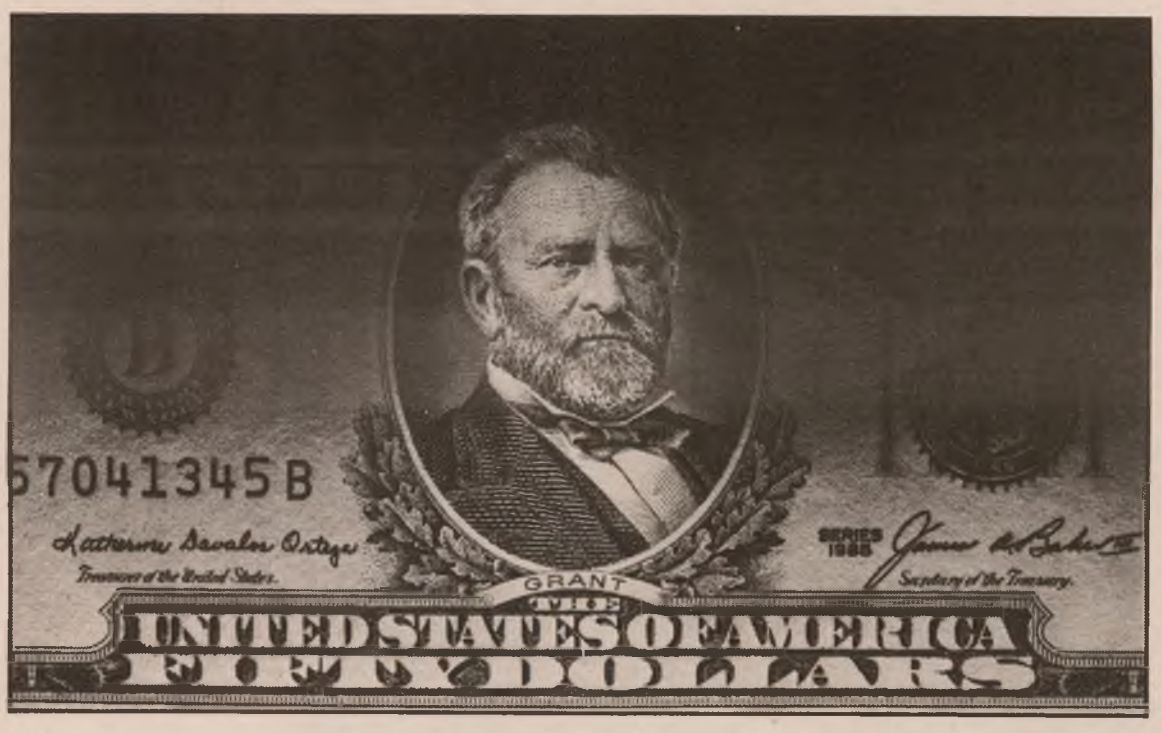
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Sports & Health

Presidians staff international T&F meet

by Joel P. Smith

A former Presidian won a bronze medal in the men's 400-meter dash at the 34th World Military Track and Field Championship in Rome from Sept. 18 to 25.

Thomas Johnson, who left the United States Army Garrison on post about two years ago, was one of two soldiers honored at the event. Vivienne Britton, stationed at Vintage Hill Farms in Warrenton, Va., took a bronze in the women's long jump.

The games were held at the Stella Polare Stadium in Lido Ostia, a suburb of Rome.

According to the United States team manager, Robert Darling, the U.S. team was selected at the Armed Forces Championship at the Presidio in June.

Of 28 members from the U.S. Armed Forces—20 men and eight women—16 were soldiers.

Darling, fitness coordinator at the post Sports Branch, said the competition is modeled after the Olympics.

"Friendship through Sports" was the theme of this year's event, said Darling. "Camaraderie in sports breaks down a lot of barriers," he explained.

"When you get on the competitive field with a soldier from another nation, you find that they have the same goals and aspirations that you do," continued Darling.

"Once you break down the stereotypes, you find that they're basically just like you—just another human being."

He said this was the first year women were allowed to compete in a running event other than women's cross-country, which began 10 years ago.

Women competed in the 100, the 800-meter run, the long jump and the shot put.

"A lot of countries don't have women in the military, therefore the [rules committee] didn't see a need for women's events at the competition," explained Darling.

This year the committee is trying to make "progress in the right direction," he added. "It's an experiment."

Col. Le Ester Alexander, director of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Services on post, served as chief of the U.S. delegation at the championship.

"This is the highest level of competition that soldiers can participate in—outside of the Olympics," Darling noted.

"And," he concluded, "it's a great opportunity to showcase our Armed Forces talent throughout the world."



photo by Bob Darling

Race officials watch the track competition inside the Stella Polare Stadium near Rome.

Early detection key to breast cancer survival

by Joan P. Eitzen

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is still the most common form of cancer in American women. It is second to lung cancer as a leading cancer killer. With early detection and treatment, the five-year survival rate has increased to 90 percent. There are a variety of medical options available today, and women have choices about how their breast cancer will be treated. Breast cancer can be caught at an earlier stage than ever before, and early detection provides the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully.

Breast cancer results from the abnormal growth of cells in breast tissue, but it is not known what causes such abnormal cell growth. The roles of heredity, lifestyle, and diet in the development of all forms of cancer are being investigated.

Current statistics indicate that one in 10 American women will develop breast cancer. Many of the 142,000 women who will develop breast cancer this year have no obvious risk factors. There are, however, certain factors that increase the risk. The most important risk factors for breast cancer are age and family history of breast cancer. Two thirds of all breast cancers occur in women over 50 years of age. In addition, risk is increased when a woman:

- has never had children
- has had her first child after age 30
- began menstruating before age 12
- began menopause after age 55
- eats a high fat diet

Educational efforts on breast cancer urge all Americans to become partners with the women close to them, helping them to learn more about breast cancer and to participate in a three step program of regular routine mammograms, monthly breast self-examinations, and a periodic examination by a physician.

Step one is to schedule regular mammograms. A mammogram is a special breast x-ray that can reveal small breast cancers up to two years before they can be felt. Modern mammography techniques expose women to very small amounts of radiation. An initial screening mammogram should be done by age 40 and then every one to two years to age 49, and then every year after age 50.

Step two is to examine your breasts monthly, several days after your menstrual period, or on the same day every month if you no longer menstruate. Your health care provider can show you how to do this. If you find a lump, don't be alarmed. Breast lumps are common, and more than 80 percent are not cancerous. You should always consult your physician, however, for an expert opinion about the lump. Please don't ignore it, though.

Step three is to see your physician regularly. If you are between 20 and 40 years old, your breasts should be examined by your physician at least once every three years. If you are over 40, you should be examined every year.

Surgical options for early breast cancer include limited breast surgery (lumpectomy), and breast reconstruction, as well as more extensive surgery. Additional treatment may include radiation therapy, hormonal therapy, or chemotherapy. No one treatment is best for all patients because all patients are not alike. The recommendation for the most appropriate treatment depends on a number of factors, including age, overall health, and type and extent of cancer. Your physician should review the options for treatment with you, and should answer all your questions before a decision is made.

If you are a partner and are concerned about the health of a woman close to you, encourage her to learn the facts about breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Remind her to follow the three step program: regular mammography, breast self-examination, and encourage her to discuss her health. Give her your support.

There is no need to be afraid to learn about breast cancer. If you remember only one thing about breast cancer, it should be that your best protection is early detection. Early detection provides the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at **800-ACS-2345**, or locally at **832-7012**.

***Editor's note:** The author is with the Family Practice Clinic at Fort Lewis, Wash. Her article is reprinted from the* Ranger.



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Community Calendar

Sukkot

Sukkot is a Jewish festival. This colorful festival which stresses the theme of thanksgiving for the bounty of the Lord, influenced the establishment of America's Thanksgiving Day. The focal point of this holiday is the Sukkah, A temporary structure built especially for the festival. Symbolic of the holiday are "four species," consisting of palm branch *(lulov)*, three myrtle twigs *(hadassim)*, two willow branches *(aravot)* and a citron *(etrog)*,

Simhat Torah, the last and most joyous day of Sukkot, is celebrated with special gaiety. It is the time of the annual completion and commencement of the reading of the Torah in the Synagogue. This year, Sukkot starts at sunset tomorrow, and will end sunset, Oct. 22.

Tennis court lights

The tennis court lights at courts 1 and 2 at Infantry Terrace are now available for use. The lights must be turned off after use by players. No lights will be used after 10 p.m. For information call the Sports Branch at **561-4131**

ITT news

ITT has made reservations at *Le Spa Francis* in Calistoga, Calif., for you to enjoy a mud bath, eucalyptus steam, mineral jucuzzi, blanket wrap and half hour massage. The cost is $50 a person.

The ITT fall horseback riding trip is a two-hour ride on the beach. Then you'll be off to visit the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival. You must be at least 8 years old to ride the horses. The cost is $31.

ITT now has Entertainment '90 discount books. Save 50 percent on almost everything. The discount books cost only $35.

Teen costume party

Youth Activities is hosting a Halloween dance for teens Oct 28 at 8 p.m. There will be a prize for the best costume. Come to building 1331. Teens may bring one guest. The cost is $3

For information call Deloris Moore at **561-5910**

Christmas portraits

The Arts and Crafts Center family portraits studio offers Presidians a chance to have portraits of your family done in time for Christmas. Call **561-4497** for an appointment. The following dates and times are available: Oct. 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Oct. 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 3:30p.m.; Nov. 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



photo by Joel P. Smith

Fleet Week soars

One of the Navy's Blue Angels skims across the Palace of Fine Arts during an Oct. 5 practice through the Bay Area skies.

Leave transfer program

Civilian employees who may have "use or lose" leave toward the end of the year, and cannot use that leave, may want to consider helping a fellow employee.

If an employee has been approved as a recipient under the Leave Transfer Program, the "use or lose" hours then could go to help him or her through a difficult time. Please call the Management-Employee Relations Division at **561-2255** or **561-2256** for more information if you would like to donate leave.

Creative Cottage

If you have a certain artistic flair and would like to earn extra money, consider consigning your work to the Creative Cottage. Crafts will be accepted from soldiers, family members and Presidio civilians. The cottage is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month. Call **567-9193** for information.

Soldier Show

The Army Soldier Show which played to nearly 1,000 at the Palace Arts Theater in 1988 is expected to return to the Presidio next July with a new format and mosty new entertainers.

Right now, the 1990 Soldier Show is looking for new talent! Last year LAMC provided a singer and a dancer who was the ranking officer of the group.

Any soldier who thinks he or she has talent may submit an audition tape to the entertainment Director. The tapes should be sent to CDR, USACFSC, ATTN: CFSC-ZR-R (Soldier Show), Alexandria, Va 22331-0510. Those who wish to have the material forwarded from the Presidio may bring it to Outdoor Recreation, ground floor, building 667, and it will be shipped to Virginia.

You must also inculde audition information, resumé for technicians, forms 2 and 2-1 and letters of intention of release from commanders. All this information is due by Nov. 1.

All materials become property of the Soldier Show.

Selected soldiers will spend six months with the production. Their names will be announced Dec. 1 .

For information call Gabe Best, Outdoor Recreation, at **561-4356**

Halloween party

There will be a Halloween party held at the Youth Activities Center, building 1331, from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 27 for all preteens age 6 to 12 years old. The cost is $1 and there will be a prize for the best costume. *One guest per card holder is welcome.* For information call **561-5910** .

Enlisted Spouses Club

All junior and senior enlisted spouses are invited to the annual open house, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 65 Funston Avenue. Come for information about the Enlisted Spouses Club; who they are and what they do. You'll have a chance to look through their scrapbook of pictures and memorabilia of past activities and projects. Meet the present members and consider joining this club. Refreshments will be served. Call Vini Kahao, **923-1265**, for information.

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At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Oct. 12: Lock Up (R), 7 p.m. Sylvester Stallone, Donald Sutherland. An action-packed drama about a prison inmate who must use all of his mental and physical powers to outwit a vengeful warden and his team of guards.

Fri, Oct. 13: Lock Up (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Oct. 14: Parenthood (PG-13), 7 p.m. Steve Martin, Tom Hulce. Households with nervous over-anxious dads, obsessive perfectionist yuppies, and overworked divorced moms are among the wildly diverse families that this movie explores.

Sun, Oct. 15; Parenthood (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 16: Parenthood (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 17: Star Trek V (PG), 7 p.m.: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy. A Vulcan exile stages a kidnapping on a distant planet to lure the Enterprise into his grasp.

Wed, Oct. 18: The Dream Team (PG-13), 7 p.m. Michael Keaton, Christopher Lloyd. Four mental patients are separated from their doctor during an outing in the Big Apple and immediately set out to wreak havoc on the streets of New York.

Thu, Oct. 19: Millenium (PG-13), 7 p.m. Kris Kristofferson, Cheryl Ladd. A serious government investigator makes some unusual discoveries at the scene of an airplane crash.

Fri, Oct. 20: Millenium (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

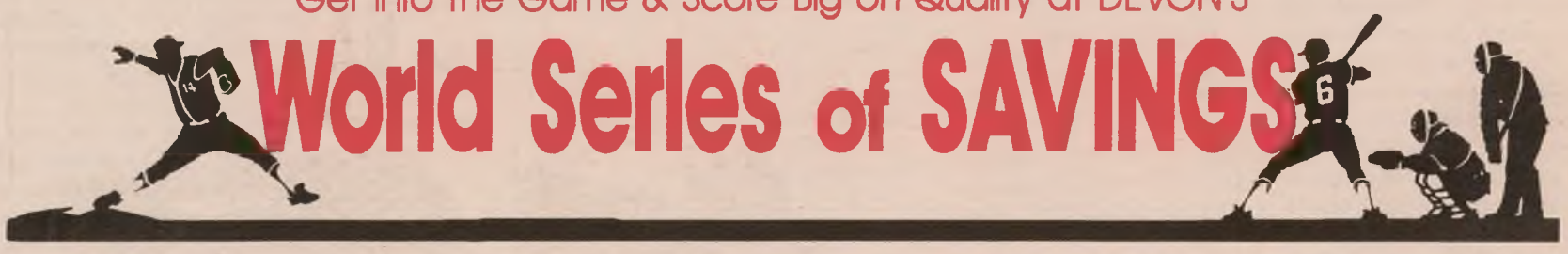
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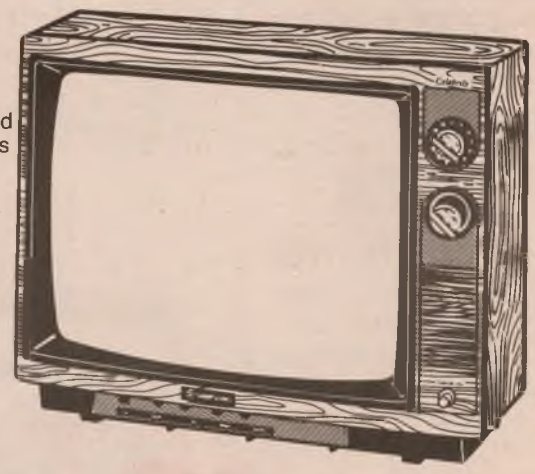
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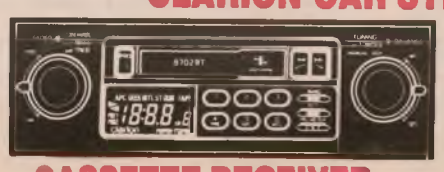
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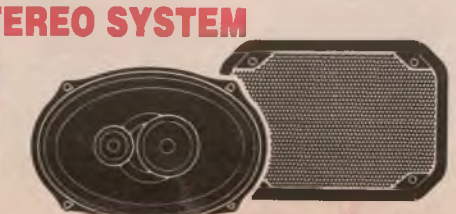
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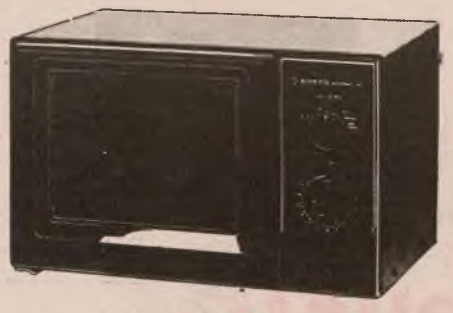
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News Briefs

NCO Day

The Presidio will hold events tomorrow commemorating the Army's 1989 theme, the Year of the NCO. Presidio NCO Day will kick off with a special ceremony at 8 a.m. at the Fort Scott athletic field. Following opening remarks by CSM Robert A. Whiteford, Sixth U.S. Army, and announcements by CSM Rose A. Aquayo, Headquarters Command Battalion, the Presidio NCOs will conduct a three-and-a-half mile race, beginning and ending at Fort Scott.

Sports competition (softball, basketball and combat handball) between companies will begin at 9:30 a.m. At 12:30 p.m. drill and ceremony teams will compete. The day's events will conclude at the NCO Club at 2:45 p.m. with a history of the NCO presentation and an awards presentation at 3:15 p.m.

McGruff makes ID cards

October is Crime Prevention Month. Officer McGruff, the crime fighting dog has been making many appearances all over post. Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., McGruff will be at the Child Development Center with his crime fighting team to make child ID cards. McGruff will take the child's fingerprints and picture. This will provide the parent a record of the child's appearance in the event of a missing child. For legal reasons parental presence is required. Any parent with children who are registered in the Child Development Services Program may take advantage of this opportunity to "Take a Bite Out of Crime."

Soldier's Magazine

There is a new procedure to order *Soldier's Magazine.* Administrative, doctrinal and training publications must now be requested using a Department of Army form 12-99—a subscription change sheet. The following information is needed to order *Soldier's Magazine:* in the form number column enter 12-05-E, in the block number column enter 0007, in the quantity required column enter the total of one copy per every six soldiers and DA civilians.

If you have problems ordering, call the AG/Administration section or call the U.S. Army Publications and Printing Command at AV 221-6232.

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Street sweeping

The DEH street sweeping schedule on post is: **Monday:** 500, 700 and 800 areas, golf course, and lower West Pacific; **Tuesday:** Main post area, areas 2 through 300, 1000 and 1100; **Wednesday:** 400, 600 and 900 areas; **Thursday:** upper 900 area, 1200 through 1700 areas; **Friday:** 1800 area, Fort Mason, Fort Baker and Fort Barry.



Virginia L. Thomas, with her 3-month-old baby Marissa and her daughter Amanda, carts off groceries at the Oct. 10 Commissary opening.

New post commissary opens

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

A $12.4 million commissary opened on post Oct. 10, near Crissy Field, replacing a former horse-stable-turned-grocery-store.

About 250 people attended the 10 a.m. ceremony.

"It's the most modern store in the Army," said Brig. Gen. Charles E. St. Arnoud.

St. Arnoud, commander of Troop Support Agency, Fort Lee Virginia, oversees the operation of all Army-Air Force Exchange Services worldwide. He said the store is a "state-of-the-art" design, using scanners to cut checkout time. He also said it uses a heating system which recycles energy generated by food freezers.

The Presidio Commissary is projected to gross $1.6 million and serve 50,000 customers each month.

The old commissary, built in 1917 for use as a horse stable "wasn't adequate", said SFC Manuel R. Pelaiz, who attended the ribbon cutting.

Pelaiz, NCOIC of the post's Air Delivery Section, explained, "It was really crowded. You couldn't get all the food and services you needed because there just wasn't enough room in the store."

CSM Robert A. Whiteford said shopping at the old facility was "like shopping in a warehouse."

Command sergeant major of Sixth U.S. Army, Whiteford said the old place even looked depressing. "Just parking in the lot, seeing that quonset hut look—the corrugated tin—made you feel like you were going in the back door of a warehouse."

The new structure's design reveals the attempt to provide a better atmosphere for Presidians and Bay Area military retirees.

While the old commissary had 14 cashiers, its successor has 17. (Sgt. Cedric L. Copeland, a trombone player with the Sixth U.S. Army, said waiting in the old store's "express" line sometimes took up to 35 minutes.)

Contiguous warehouses—the old facility relied on several supply buildings—will cut restocking time and help control inventory at the new structure, according to Troop Support Agency.

A seafood market and bakery are, for the first time, available to shoppers on post. Also, six shopping days available, compared with five at the former building, make the commissary more convenient.

Employees at the commissary say they've got better working conditions now. "This is the 20th century," said Donald D. Nuti, as he swept his arm in a gesture that encompassed the store.

"This is a more pleasant atmosphere," he explained. "At the old building, it took a long time to get someone to help you clean up spills. But now, people are starting to take pride in their work."

Whiteford said the commissary will be a source of pride for the post.

"What you see now is a first class operation. Retirees, soldiers and their families deserve a first-class operation and that's what we're giving them."

Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Presidio Mayors congratulated

Well, sports fans—it's been another great week in Baysball land! By the time you read this we may know the outcome of the '89 Series—but I hope not! (Does that give away who I'm rooting for?)

Our Presidio of San Francisco Combined Federal Campaign is in full swing. I hope each of you—military and civilian—will give something to CFC. It isn't the amount that counts—but I hope that each of you will want to contribute something to help others—however small it may be. Hoo Ah for CFC and all the good it does for so many, all year long.

Sunday, I attended the 10th Anniversary of Fort Point as part of the National Park Service. They took the occasion to recognize some of the folks who volunteer at Fort Point and make a visit to that historic Army post so enjoyable. It was a super ceremony and a great way to recognize their volunteers. We at the Presidio want to add out Hoo Ahs to all of these good folks.

Speaking of volunteers—we have a very special group of volunteers here at the Presidio who work very hard and get very little recognition or thanks—our mayors. These folks volunteer their time to help make our communities better, safer and more enjoyable places to live. I see the role of the mayor as being the link between me (the Mayor of the Presidio) and the Garrison Commander (the City Manager) and the folks who live, work, train and play here. The mayor is the one who helps get a new stop sign, arranges help for community cleanup, hears complaints and brings them to the Command's attention. The mayors *are not* law enforcers; they do not deal with recalcitrant quarters occupants—that's the job of the Chain of Command through the area coordinators. Our mayors provide a very valuable assistance to the Command and we should all be very thankful we have folks who are willing to take on these very challenging jobs. The next time you see *your* mayor, give him or her a real big loud Hoo Ah! for a job well done. By the way, we have some areas without mayors right now. Anyone interested please call Anthony Powell at **561-5057**.

Our mayors currently serving are:

Housing area	Mayor
500 Simmonds Loop	Charlotte Pamplin
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800 Quarry Road	Vini Kahao
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700 Brooks/Baker	Chellie Settle
1800 area	Susan Klusman
Fort Baker	Adrienne Moneymaker
Parks RFTA	Nancy Kueffer
Fort Barry	Lisa Davis

Finally, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, we opened our new, beautiful commissary. It truly is a state-of-the-art supermarket and should provide for our people for a long time to come. A real loud Hoo Ah to Mr. Snow and all his employees and our best wishes for the future. For all of us... enjoy! And help us take care of the facility. There will be some growing pains. We welcome your comments/suggestions. But please keep in mind; constructive criticism we welcome; fault-finding for its own sake we don't need! Let's all work together to make our new commissary the best in the system! Hoo Ah!

God bless each and every one

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA

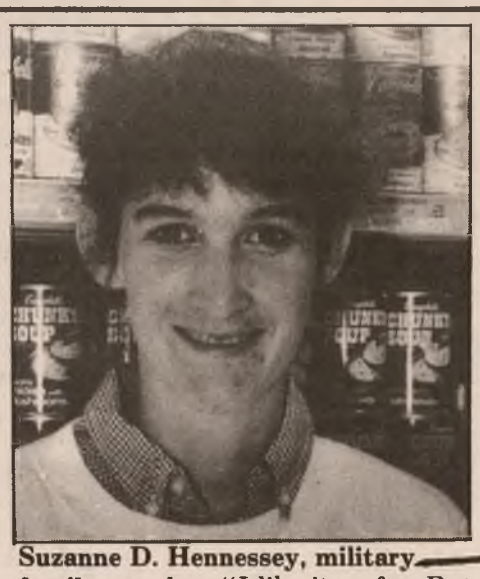
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Go where you want to go;
Be what you want to be.
—Anon

Ramblin' Sam

"What do you think of the new commissary?



James Rhodes, retired E-7: "This is something that they needed. The other one was old. It was hard to get in and out of it."



Suzanne D. Hennessey, military family member: "I like it so far. But I think they should have child restraint straps on the carts. Other than that, it's great."



Lisa A. Fooks, military family member and Community Life Program mayor: "It's better than the old one. In fact, when we first got here, I almost started crying (when I saw the old commissary). The place looked so antiquated. This one is newer, more modern."



Sgt. Cedric L. Copeland, Trombone player, Sixth U.S. Army Band: "I think it's wonderful. We have more choices, more items, than we had at the old commissary. The hours are better, too. I don't think the lines will be as long as they were in the old commissary. I used to wait 30 to 35 minutes in the 'express' lane."

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CFC dollars fund miracles

CFC. Another acronym to store in your head? Possibly—if you like to remember 700 charitable organizations which provide services and programs to help needy people.

Presidians can hop on the 1989 Combined Federal Campaign bandwagon, which began Oct. 2 and continues through Nov. 15. The theme of this year's campaign focuses on the nation's children: "Pledge Today for Their Tomorrow".

But children aren't the only beneficiaries of the generosity offered by the nation's federal workers. The fall 1989 CFC brochure has 30 pages chock-full or charitable groups Presidians can support. Victims of AIDS, cancer, heart disease, spouse abuse and rape are helped. In addition, CFC agencies provide legal and educational assistance, disease research, and a place for people to sleep and eat.

"There can't be any excuse for not wanting to donate to a charity", explains the Presidio's U.S. Army Garrison CFC Coordinator, Maj. Ron G. Benton. "Look in the booklet—there's the ecology, animal groups, children, cancer groups and on and on and on."

"To me, waking up every morning healthy, in a good household, I'm very fortunate. Other people wake up not knowing where their next meal will come from," says the executive officer of Headquarters Command Battalion.

Benton and his two dozen keyworkers are responsible for putting out the CFC word to nearly 2,200 Garrison military and civilian Presidians.

Presidio offices and units each have a keyworker who handles their respective group's donations. Benton says if you haven't been contacted by your keyworker, or need more information about this year's CFC, call him at **561-6108** or **561-4681.**

Presidians can specify on the CFC form to which charity their donation should be applied.

"A minute of your time, no matter how small the donation, helps out in a great way," Benton says. "It's a one-shot deal, rather than passing the hat all year-round, and it involves both the military and civilian sides of the house. Your contribution, or your co-workers' contribution, may help you someday. **You** may be the beneficiary of your own contribution."

What do CFC agencies think about the efforts of the nation's federal workers?

"CFC has been a tremendous boon for us," explains Julie Ulmer, Make-A-Wish Foundation's director of finance and administration. This is the first year on the CFC national list for this organization which grants last wishes to dying children. "The response has been staggering," says Ulmer. "The majority of our [73 chapters] are all volunteer. This has really helped them."

Contributors who pledge at least an hour's pay a month earn a "Golden Eagle" lapel pin; for more than two hours' pay a month, they also get a gold-inlaid coffee cup coaster. A minimum payroll pledge $24 for military members or $26 dollars for civilian employees), or its cash equivalent, earns the donator a "Silver Eagle" lapel pin.

"I think CFC is a wonderful idea," continues Ulmer. "It gives people the opportunity to feel like they're doing something. It makes them feel good We are tremendously grateful to the CFC people—they allow us to do things [for the foundation's children] we never thought possible."

Cecilia McDonnell, assistant director of financial development for the Bay Area's American Red Cross, echoes Ulmer's comments.

"CFC makes many of the [Red Cross] programs a reality," she says, including assistance for disaster relief, AIDS education, homeless prevention assistance, service to military families, youth programs, and health and safety training.

McDonnell adds that the Red Cross, like most CFC organizations, is heavily dependent on volunteer help, many of whom come from the federal community.

"We are very dependent [upon] the CFC campaign. We can't thank the people personally ... but we're very grateful."

One military related CFC group also counts on CFC support. William H. Morgan, executive director of United Service Organizations of Northern California, says CFC helps keep open the nation's airport USO centers, which assist military travelers.

"It also keeps the Presidio USO Job Center open [in building 223]," adds Morgan, which helps militrary spouses find work. "When civilians see that the military and the federal community supports the USO, more civilian donations are received at our office."

CFC—just another acronym, or the chance for federal workers to give to the charity of their choice? Who knows? Maybe your contribution today might help a loved one tomorrow.

***Editor's note:** Erica Haspiel-Szlosek contributed to this article.*



photo by Chuck Blancet

'This won't hurt...'

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison receives his annual flu shot from Sgt. Donald P. Maree, a LAMC medic, Oct. 10.

Job Opportunities

CPO Jobs

Food Service Worker: A71-89, WC-7404-4, closes Dec. 29
Budget Clerk: A72-89, GS-561-4/5, closes Dec. 29.
Food Service Worker: A73-89, WG-7408-2, closes Dec 29
Nursing Assistant: A74-89, GS-621-3/4, closes Dec. 29.
Procurement Clerk: A75-89, GS-1106-4, closes Dec. 29.
Supply Technician: A76-89, GS-2005-6/7, closes Dec 29.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at 561-5732 or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

NAF Jobs

Child Caregiver: PS-186-02, $5.85 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

Waiter/Waitress (2 positions): NA-7420-02, $6.10 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

Food Service Worker (3 positions): 2 NA-7408-01, $5.37 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled; NA-7408-02, $6.10 an hour, regular, part-time.

Bartender: NA-7405-03, $6.79 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

Laborer: NA-3502-03, $6.79 an hour, intermittent, regularly scheduled.

Custodial Worker: NA-3566-01, $5.37 an hour, intermittent, on-call.

Clerk-Typist: AS-0322-04, $6.66 an hour.

Submit application (DA 3433) to CPD/NAF Personnel Division, building 37, or call 561-5095.

Fort Point manager dies at age 72

Charles S. Hawkins, Fort Point Site Manager, died of cancer Oct. 1 in his home. A recipient of the Bronze Star for bravery and a Purple Heart for action during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, Hawkins was buried with military honors at the San Francisco National Cemetery. A memorial service was held at the Protestant Chapel Oct. 10 at 1 p.m.

Hawkins was born in Lawrence, Kansas, and died at age 72. He is survived by his wife, Jeanetta Ruth; daughter, Carol Ann Wood; son, Robert Charles Hawkins; and six grandchildren.

After retiring as an Army master sergeant in Missouri Dec. 31, 1967, Hawkins returned to San Francisco in 1968, and accepted a position with the Fort Point Museum Association.

Fort Point renovation already had become a long-term project during an assignment at the Sixth U.S. Army Information Office from 1957 to 1964. During his Presidio assignment, Hawkins also authored a weekly column in the *Star Presidian* entitled "NCO Topics" in 1963 and 1964.

Over the years, as an NCO and later as a civilian. Hawkins turned what had become an occasional Army storage yard into a museum and living reminder of Presidio coastal defenses during the Civil War.

In 1968, Fort Point was opened to the public for the first time (since the Civil War), though only on weekends at first. On its opening day, 16,000 people visited Fort Point.

Though ill, Hawkins remained site manager at Fort Point until his death.

According to Eric Saul, a former park ranger under Hawkins who later became the Presidio Army Museum curator, Hawkins was a special person.

"The best time in my life was when I worked for him at Fort Point," Saul said.

"I'm really going to miss that guy. He was a *wonderful* gentleman.



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News You Can Use



Halloween safety—tips for Presidio ghouls!

by the post Safety Office

It's time to start thinking about Halloween, trick or treating, and how to keep children safe from the tricksters who put "surprises" in the candies they hand out. To have a safe and fun-filled Halloween, the Safety Office recommends parents not allow their children to eat any of their treats before they get home. It is very important to examine all treats carefully to ensure no "surprises" to turn the night of the spooks and goblins into a real horror filled night.

The following safety tips are also recommended:

• Buy costumes, masks, beards and wigs labeled "flame resistant." Although this does not mean they won't catch fire, it does indicate that they will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source.

• Costumes should be light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility in dusk or darkness, costumes should be decorated or trimmed with reflective tape that will "glow" in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored and decorated with reflective tape.

• A natural "mask" of cosmetics rather than a loose fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision should be used. However, if a mask is used, make sure eyeholes are large enough to allow full vision and make sure the mask fits securely.

• If swords, knifes or similar accessories are carried, they should be of soft flexible material.

• Smaller children should always be accomanied by an older responsible child or an adult. All children should use the sidewalk rather than walk in the street, and they should walk—not run—from house to house.

• Children should only go to homes where residents have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.

'Old' Chinatown: fast pace, changing face

story and photo by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

Exploring San Francisco can be a wonderful adventure for Presidians. There are dozens of neighborhoods, each with their own flavor, yet each unmistakably spells San Francisco—both to the tourists and natives alike.

Perhaps one of the most interesting areas of the city is Chinatown.

Chinatown is a blend of the old and new. It is an old Chinese ghetto that has become a neighborhood of more than 20,000 residents. It is one of the densest neighborhoods in the United States, second only to New York's Chinatown. Three-quarters of the residents are foreign-born and half are elderly.

From the Gold Rush era throughout the 1870s, Chinatown was made up of mostly single, male laborers, many of whom were fleeing the floods of China's Pearl River Delta.

During the nineteenth and early twentieth century tong wars were common. Tongs, or associations, tended to be delineated by family or birthplace in China. A hierarchy of businesses developed in Chinatown based on membership in the tongs and resentment ran high.

By the turn of the century, the Chinese immigration had dwindeld, eroding the tongs. Although the Chinese were still segregated from the rest of the city, western dress became more common and pre-arranged marriages faded.

With the end of World War II, the Chinese became assimilated into American society. Racial laws restricting the sale of California real estate to Asians were nullified and by the mid-1960s, immigration quotas were relaxed. From a quota of 105 for Chinese immigrants, the figure swelled to 20,000 by 1970.

Chinatown reflects much of this complicated past. The ramshackle Chinatown of the 1800s was destroyed by the fires following the 1906 earthquake. The district was rebuilt between 1906 and 1929. A cleaner, more consistent style emerged. What visitors see today is the Edwardian architecture of this era.

Although most San Francisco tourists simply walk straight down Grant Avenue from the Chinatown gate to Broadway, there are many more interesting things to see on the side streets and alleys.

Saturday is the busiest market day, especially for food shopping. There are fish markets, poultry markets and endless bins of exotic vegetables. Prices are written in Chinese and English and merchants are usually friendly and eager to help.

The Bank of Canton on Washington Street is one sight you won't want to miss. Built in 1909 as the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's Chinatown exchange, it was probably the only telephone exchange in the United States to operate in a foreign language. The male operators were required to speak English and five dialects of Chinese. These first operators lived on the building's second floor. As there is no Chinese alphabet, the directory was arranged by streets. The street with the most subscribers came first.

Other things to see: Grant Avenue shops with their inexpensive strands of seed pearls, Old St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on California Street at Grant, the Stockton Street food stalls and of course thousands of tourists picking their way through countless San Francisco T-shirts.

Editor's note: *Chinatown history provided by Randolph Delehanty's* San Francisco, the Ultimate Guide.



A Chinatown resident selects her fish with help from the store clerk.

All eyes not on heavens as Angels visit

by Joel P. Smith

An impromptu and scientifically inaccurate survey on post revealed that one person in the Bay Area did not see the Blue Angels perform during Fleet Week, Oct. 6 to 12.

"It wasn't like life or death," said Charles T. Belknap, who instead amused himself with the major league baseball playoffs on television.

"I don't want to sell the Blue Angels short, but I had about three heart attacks just watching the Giants and the A's," said Belknap, a retired Army sergeant first class.

"The Blue Angels are always a blessing," said Lloyd M. Jackson, one of thousands who *did* witness the aerial artistry of the six F/A-18 fighter jets and their pilots. Jackson is a retired Air Force senior master sergeant.

Hurtling through the sky just under the speed of sound—the Angels tore through the sky in formations of four, five, six, their wing tips apparently a few menacing yards apart.

Close formation flying requires a heightened sense of harmony between pilots, a sense of precision which many spectators recognize and value.

"I think they're beautiful and they're impressive," said Nancy A. Urban, a military spouse on post.

"It's like playing in an orchestra; it requires self-possession, practice and being part of a team," she explained.

Crowds also saw a "parade" of ships, including two destroyers, a guided missile cruiser, an amphibious landing ship, a submarine and a hospital ship, pass through the Golden Gate Oct. 7.

The destroyers docked at Fisherman's Wharf, where hundreds of sailors guided free public tours through the ships.

Parachutists from the California National Guard and the Miller Lite Sky Diving Team entertained landlubbers at Aquatic Park. A Navy rock band also performed there.

While the show went on, not everyone went on to the show. Retired Air Force master sergeant Thomas C. Coogan caught only a few glimpses of the jets from the seventh floor of Letterman Army Medical Center, where he was scheduled for an operation Oct. 7.

He said he always tried to see the Blue Angels perform, but didn't feel too bad about missing their show this year.

"As long as I could see them," he explained, "I knew there was someone out there enjoying them."



photo by Steve

Using the San Francisco skyline as his stage, an aerobatic parachutist drops in on the crow Aquatic Park.

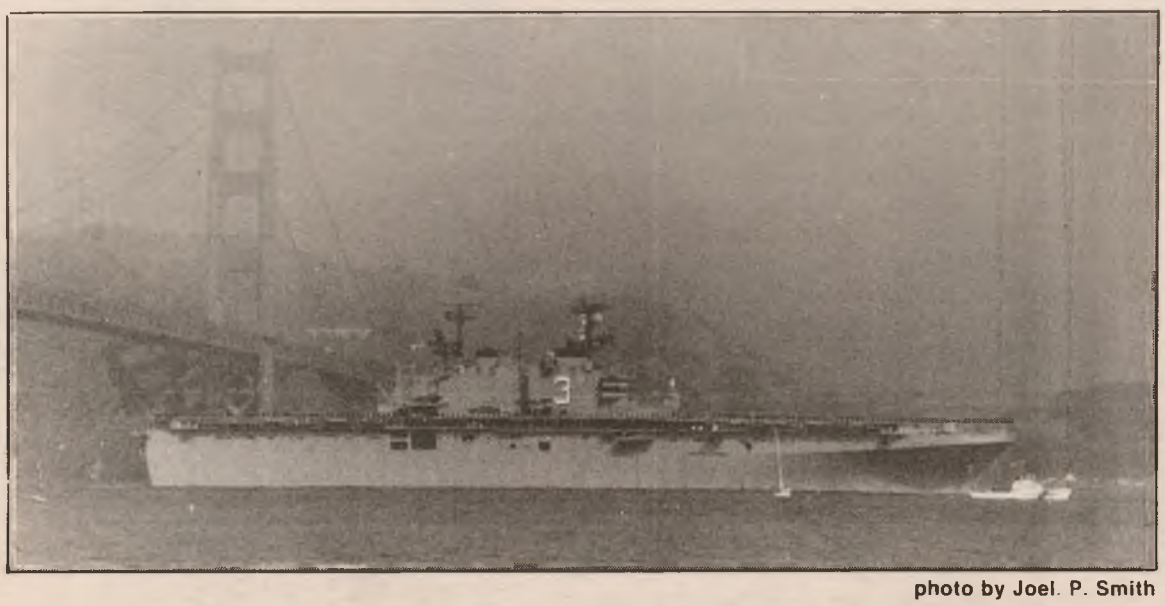


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The USS Belleau Wood, an amphibious assault ship, sails through the Golden Gate.

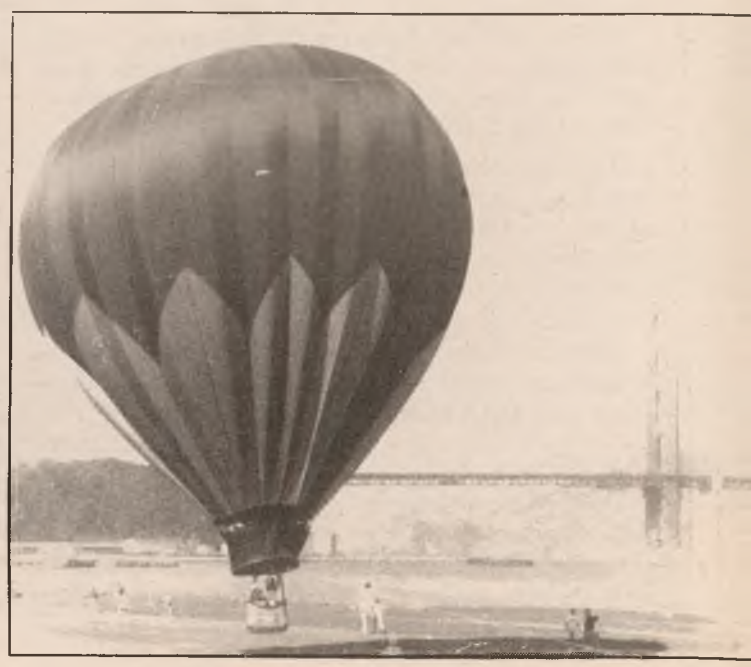


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Fleet Week crowds are treated to the sight of a baloo

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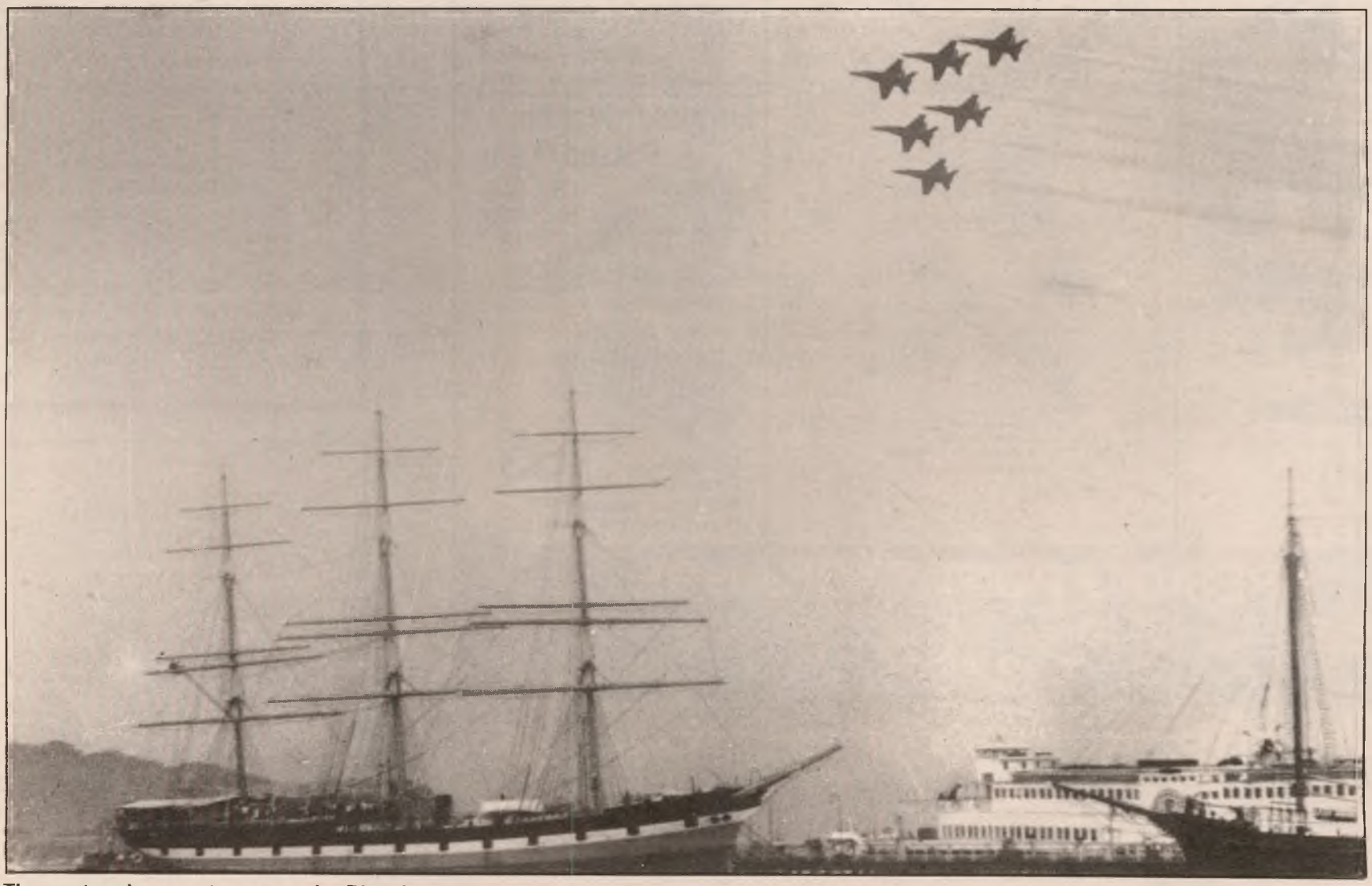
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Crowds at Fort Point follow the Blue Angels' acrobatics.



photo by Steve Morey

A stunt biplane paints the San Francisco bay sky.



The past and present meet as the Blue Angels soar over a clipper ship docked near Aquatic Park.

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Sports

Top men's player takes 6th straight title

story and photo by Steve Morey

Carlos Farias, Presidio's premier male racquet ball player, beat five opponents Oct. 6 through 8 on his way to the 1989 Presidio Racquetball Tournament men's open title.

Farias, who has qualified for All Army team tryouts the last four years, has won the post raquetball tourney each year since 1983. He beat Paul Aguayo, 15-10. 15-10, in the finals at Gym No.1 on Oct. 8.

"We both have a fast game," explained Farias, who said he's been playing the court sport "nearly every day"since 1978. "The thing to do is predict what your opponent will do."

The post's perennial top player seemed to be a mind reader the first game, which he led from start to finish. He picked his spots carefully, forcing Aguayo to hit the "perfect" winner.

"I have more weapons to choose from," said the staff sergeant from Company A, Letterman Army Medical Center. "I tried to vary my game—hitting ceiling shots and corner shots. And I tried to move the ball at his forehand and backhand, to keep him off guard."

Aguayo, himself an "off-and-on" player since 1974, stayed close at 7-5 and 9-7, but Farias pulled away for a 15-10 win. "I was up emotionally," between games, said Aguayo, who fought his way through the losers' bracket for a shot at Farias.

The post Safety Office's safety technician said jokingly between games, "I've got him right where I want him—overconfident."

Unknown to Farias, his opponent wasn't kidding. Before he knew it, Farias was down 7-0, due mainly to Aguayo's "overhand" serve which befuddled the champ.

"It's a 'Z' serve," explains Aguayo. He hits the ball waist-high off the front wall, it hits a side wall then short-hops the floor near the back wall. "The ball bites into the wood walls and spins so much it takes unpredictable hops," Aguayo added.

To combat Aguayo's attack, Farias slowed the pace. "He had me playing his game so I slowed down the game. Once I got back into it [at 9-all] I sped it up again to throw him off-balance."

"He certainly made me move a lot, that's for sure."

Farias also put more zip into his serve, moving Aguayo into the far corners to track down the ball. The players traded points to make it 10-10, then Farias served the match's final five points for the title.

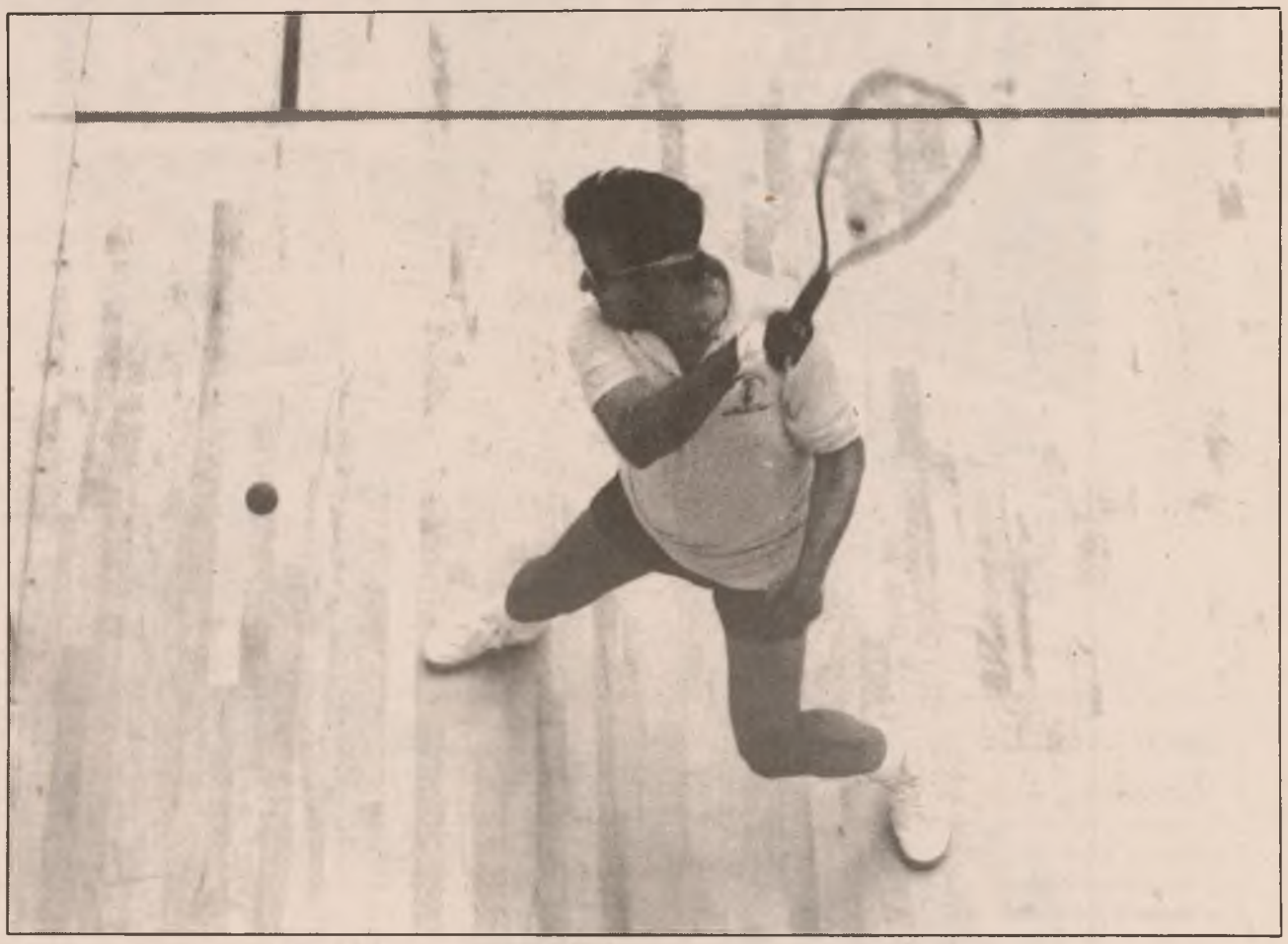
"I didn't think I could beat him," admitted Aguayo. "I just wanted to give it my best shot. But I'm not disappointed losing to him. He's a *really* good player."

Other action

The double-elimination tournament featured 46 matches between 26 players from the Presidio, Moffett Naval Air Station, Alameda Naval Air Station, Treasure Island and Mare Island.

In the women's open, Sue Graham beat Jean Pellegato for the title; Taloa Williams and Madaline Diaz claimed third and fourth places, respectively. Graham also is the post's top women tennis player, having won the women's title during August's tourney.

The men's senior division had William Reese in first place and Ken Renfrow in second, followed by third-place Ed Bechtold and fourth-place Gregory Allison. Following Farias and Aguayo in the men's open were Mark Story and Jeff Gascon.



Men's Open champ Carlos Farias sets up for a backhand smash in this 1988 photo.



Fleet Week Run features Army team

by John Costigan

A Navy running team from the Fleet Week's Battle Group, based at San Diego, won the Fleet Week Race held Oct. 8. The five-mile race, featuring a scenic flat course from Crissy Field to Pier 32, was one of the many events in the Bay Area during the Fleet Week Activities. Secretary of the Navy, Honorable H. Lawrence Garret, awarded the team members Fleet Week medals.

The Army Team came in second with cumulative time of 148 minutes (counting 5 of 8 team members), representing times below six minutes a mile. The leading runner for the Presidio team was Lon Kincannon with a time of 27:30, followed by John Costigan, Jeff Huber, Don Banks, and Ray Brown. Fred Meine came in second in his age group with a time of 31:15. Other team members included Ron West and Valdivieso Bernadette.

Lt. Gen William Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, sunk participating Navy Commanders in 41:30.

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Community Calendar

Soldier Show

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Right now, the 1990 Soldier Show is looking for new talent! Last year LAMC provided a singer and a dancer who was the ranking officer of the group.

Any soldier who thinks he or she has talent may submit an audition tape to the entertainment Director. The tapes should be sent to CDR, USACFSC, ATTN: CFSC-ZR-R (Soldier Show), Alexandria, Va 22331-0510. Those who wish to have the material forwarded from the Presidio may bring it to Outdoor Recreation, ground floor, building 667, and it will be shipped to Virginia.

You must also inculde audition information, résumé for technicians, forms 2 and 2-1 and letters of intention of release from commanders. All this information is due by Nov. 1.

All materials become property of the Soldier Show.

Selected soldiers will spend six months with the production. Their names will be announced Dec. 1 .

For information call Gabe Best, Outdoor Recreation, at **561-4356**

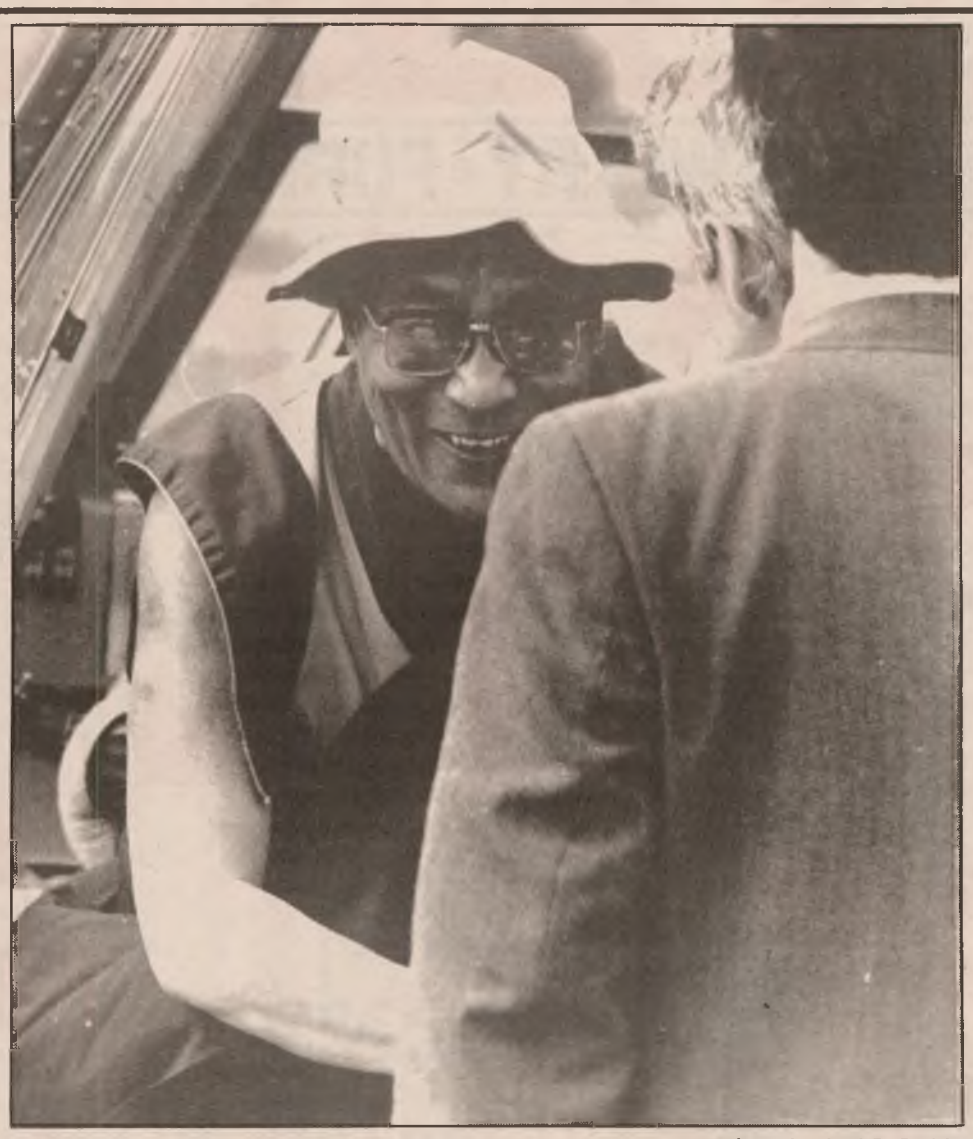


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Honor

The XIV Dalai Lama, exiled spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, is greeted by dignitaries Oct. 10 at the Crissy Field heliport on post. Named Oct. 5 as the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, the Dalai Lama was visiting San Francisco on a worldwide "pilgrimage for active peace."

Teen costume party

Youth Activities is hosting a Halloween dance for teens Oct 28 at 8 p.m. There will be a prize for the best costume. Come to building 1331. Teens may bring one guest. The cost is $3

For information call Deloris Moore at **561-5910**

Pot-Luck

Presidio Catholic community: come to a pot-luck social, Sunday after catechism at noon. For information call Claire McCunniff at **567-3928**

Leave donation

An employee at Letterman Army Medical Center has been identified as a leave recipient due to a serious medical condition. He has exhausted all his sick and annual leave and is now requesting help through the Leave Transfer Program. If you wish to donate some of your annual leave please call Gil Delcid at **561-2255** or **561-2256.**

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Education Center

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Military Correspondence. Learn to prepare memos, endorsements and letters in the manner required by regulations. This free workshop meets at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, Tuesday through Dec. 21; Tuesdays. Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and Friday, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Wordprocessing. Learn WordPerfect, a popular wordprocessing computer program. This hands-on workshop, using IBM Personal Computers, meets at the Fort Scott Education Center Monday through Dec. 21, on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

GRE. The Graduate Record Examination will be given Dec. 12, at the Fort Scott Education Center. This test is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying to graduate school. There is no fee but you must order your examination in person by Oct. 31.

To enroll in these classes or find out about GRE, visit a counselor at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216 or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014.

Halloween party

There will be a Halloween party held at the Youth Activities Center, building 1331, from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 27 for all preteens age 6 to 12 years old. The cost is $1 and there will be a prize for the best costume. One guest per card holder is welcome. For information call **561-5910** .

Enlisted Spouses Club

All junior and senior enlisted spouses are invited to the annual open house Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 65 Funston Avenue. Come for information about the Enlisted Spouses Club; who they are and what they do. You'll have a chance to look through their scrapbook of pictures and memorabilia of past activities and projects. Meet the present members and consider joining this club. Refreshments will be served. Call Vini Kahao, **923-1265**, for information.

CPD class

The Civilian Personnel Training Division is offering a Leadership Education and Developement Course from Nov. 13 to 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Fort Scott Education Center. This course is designed to provide first time managers and supervisors with the knowledge required to effectively lead people, manage teams and to develop leadship and management skills. This course is offered to managers and supervisors who have completed the Basic Supervisory Development Course. For additional information or to reserve a class space call Deborah Vitale at **561-2554** or **561-4285.**

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Oct. 19: Millenium (PG-13), 7 p.m. Kris Kristofferson, Cheryl Ladd. A serious government investigator makes some unusual discoveries at the scene of an airplane crash.

Fri, Oct. 20: Millenium (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 21: The Abyss (PG-13), 7 p.m. Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. The employees of an underwater oil rig are drafted into service to help salvage a crashed nuclear submarine.

Sun, Oct. 22: The Abyss (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 23: The Abyss (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Tue., Oct. 24: Shag—the Movie (PG), 7 p.m. Phoebe Cates, Scott Coffey. A wild weekend of dancing, good-looking guys and adventure at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, changes forever the lives of four girls.

Wed., Oct. 25: Renegades (R), 7 p.m. Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips. A police thriller with a mismatched pair of crime fighters pursuing a brutal murderer who has made off with a sacred Indian tribal relic.

Thu., Oct. 26: Casualties of War (R), 7 p.m. Michael J. Fox, Sean Penn. A powerful Vietnam war film based on a true story of American soldiers engaged in kidnapping, rape and murder.

Hamilton Theater

Fri., Oct. 20: My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat., Oct. 21: That Darn Cat (G)	**1 p.m.**
Sat., Oct. 21: Tequila Sunrise (R)	**7 p.m.**

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EARTHQUAKE

story and photos by Steve Morey

After a 7.0 earthquake shook Northern California at 5:04 p.m. Oct. 17, the Presidio—along with San Francisco and the Bay Area—slowly got back on its feet.

At least 55 people died and dozens are missing from the 15-second quake, which also left more than 3,000 injured. One of the worst quakes in United States history since the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake's 8.4 Richter scale reading.

Centered about 60 miles southeast of post in the Santa Cruz mountains, the shaker caused an estimated $4 billion damage to the private and public sectors from Marin County to Monterey County.

No deaths or major injuries were reported at the Presidio, which sustained an estimated $7.5 million damage to its buildings and roads. The amount of damage to office equipment, retail merchandise and personal property is still unknown.

Hit hardest in the San Francisco area by the trembler was the city's Marina District, just east of post, a section of the Oakland Bay Bridge, and a portion of the Nimitz Freeway along Interstate 880.

The Bay Bridge's concrete upper level fell on the lower level; repairs are scheduled to take one to two months. I-880's "Cypress section," a one and a half mile stretch, collapsed trapping at least 34 drivers in their cars. The two-tiered span is closed indefinitely.

Baseball's World Series game 3, featuring the San Francisco Giants vs. the Oakland Athletics and minutes from starting at San Francisco's Candlestick Park, was postponed for 10 days until tomorrow.

Sunday the Presidio opened its gates to nearly 500 displaced and homeless victims from the Bay Area. Earlier that day, the Federal Emergency Management Agency opened on post one of 12 Bay Area Application Centers to help the quake victims.



In the Marina District, a front loader clears rubble from a demolished home, one of dozens damaged by the quake.



Marina residents use every means of removing their possessions from their damaged homes.



Mario Vargas, a commissary baker, helps clean up a sticky mess in the facility Oct. 18.

Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Thanks Presidians!

Last week was a very challenging week for Presidians—and for all our fellow citizens in the Greater Bay Area. In last week's column we were all hyped up over the Baysball series. This week a major natural disaster has put into perspective for all of us the really important things—concern, compassion, dedication—and yes, life itself.

All of you know all too well about the earthquake that occured on Tuesday the 17th of October at 5:04 p.m. None of us caused that or could prevent it. It was an act of nature and served to remind us all that a power much greater than all of us—individually or combined—directs such matters. For us what happened subsequently—things which we can control—is what counts. Admitting that I personally saw a very limited portion of the ensuing human drama, I would like to share with you some of what I saw.

At 5:04 p.m. Mrs. Harrison and I were in Candlestick Park awaiting game number 3. The crowd reaction was magnificent. I personally observed no panic nor a single case of abuse toward fellow sports fans. The bus drivers, private auto owners all cooperated well. Despite the lack of street lights and the normal traffic control it all proceeded—slowly, but it proceeded.

On my return to the Presidio I was exceedingly proud of the Sixth Army and Presidio staffs. The Emergency Operations Center was operational, communications had been established with the Mayor's Office, California State Emergency Actions office, Letterman, the Police and Fire departments and higher headquarters—FORSCOM and DA. One of the first requests we received was for MP support in the Marina area from the Mayor and the Chief of Police. The MPs responded outstandingly—quickly, professionally and for extended periods. Letterman personnel were reporting in from off duty, and emergency cases were being cared for. Bottom line—our folks at the Presidio were responding like the real pros they are—despite lack of info, no electricity and concern about what would happen next.

During the following days the story remained the same—soldiers volunteered to help in too many places to mention. Family members came forward and performed all sorts of duties to help here and in our surrounding communities. Our civilian employees who couldn't work due to power outages or structurally damaged buildings pulled K.P., worked at Red Cross and helped out at ACS. The many acts of concern, of compassion, of thoughtfulness, of love that I saw and heard of would fill a book—there were heroes all over the place! And each of you deserves a REAL Hoo Ah!

On Wednesday the 18th, the Vice President of the United States visited our area. He was briefed on our efforts and visited several sites. He saw members of the uniformed services helping their fellow citizens. On the 20th the President visited. I was asked to brief him on the involvement of the armed forces and was proud to do so. During his visit he thanked me—for all of you—for the involvement, the help, the concern, the care exhibited by members of all the services. A Hoo Ah from the Commander-In-Chief—and well deserved.

So to each of you, my thanks for your cooperation, your support and your patience and understanding. And my congratulations for all you did and are doing to helpyourselves, the Presidio, the Army and our surrounding communities. I am very proud of each of you.

God Bless Each And Eveyone.

Willam H. Harrison
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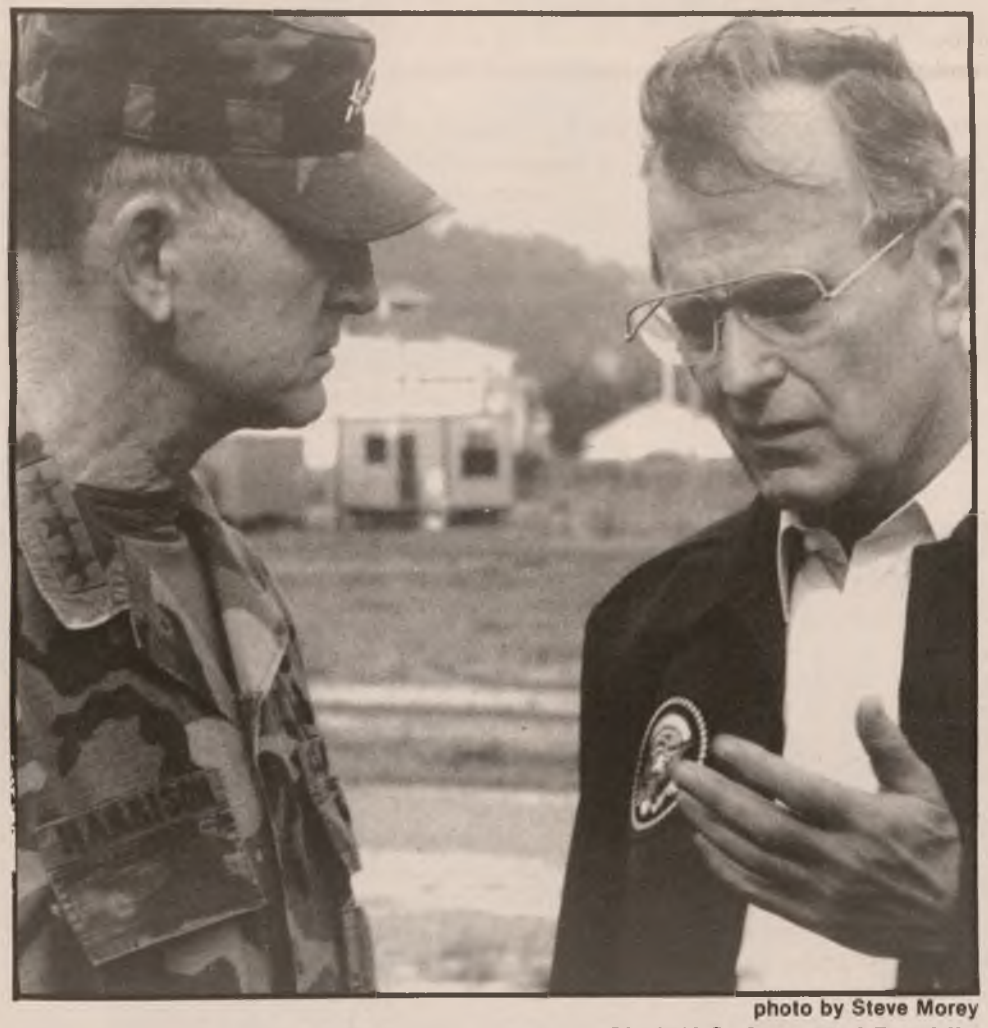


photo by Steve Morey

President Bush meets with Lt. Gen. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio Commander, Oct. 20 at Crissy Field. The Commander-in-Chief visited the Bay Area to inspect the quake's damage.

"Lord, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive."
—Saint Francis



photo by Steve Morey

Lt. Gen. Harrison talks with San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi at Crissy Field.

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News You Can Use

Fireplace

Do not use your fireplaces. They first must be individually inspected by DEH for safety.

Self Help Store

The Self Help Store is open. Trash bags are available. Anyone who checked out space heaters which they no longer need are asked to return the heaters to the store. Others can really use them now. Call **561-5127** for information.

Roofing

Family quarters occupants can assist DEH engineers by making visual checks of their roofs for any damage. Report any damage to the Work Order Desk at **561-4505**. Also, now that rain is falling, it's anticipated some roofs will leak. Repairs for roof leaks at this time are *not* a high priority. If you have a leaky roof, report it to the Work Order Desk and relocate personal property to minimize loss.

Flex time

A flexible hours program may be established for those organizations which request it. The decision should involve careful study, to include potential reduction in tardiness, impact on morale, car pools and using mass transportation. For more information, call Severin Johnson at **561-2871**.

Homeless

The American Red Cross reports that more than 400 displaced and homeless people arrived on post where they received shelter at four post locations: building 1203 and Log Cabin, both in the Fort Scott area, the Golden Gate Reserve Center, and in the 900 area buildings. The earthquake victims, transported by city buses from San Francisco's Moscone Center, will receive shelter and meals from the Red Cross until further notice.



photo by Steve Morey

Grand reopening

The new post commissary opened for business three days after the quake—which hit exactly one week after the facility's grand opening.

Insurance

The Staff Judge Advocate office will assist post soldiers who have questions regarding loss of, or damage to, personal property due to the earthquake. Each claim must be submitted with DD From 1842 and DD From 1844. For more information, call SJA at **561-4273**. If you live off post, the Army has no authority to pay claims for damage or losses. Contact your insurance company for possible coverage. Take photos of damaged items; this helps speed the claims process.

Claims

People in family housing who have experienced food spoilage as a result of the earthquake will be able to file claims for losses by contacting the Staff Judge Advocate's Office, building 223, to complete appropriate forms.

Security

The Presidio Provost Marshal Office stresses that Presidians should take extra precautions to secure all personal property. Car doors and outside shed doors should be locked when not in use. Suspicious people or noises should immediately be reported to PMO at **561-2251**. Extra MPs are on duty to patrol the post housing areas; but your help is needed.

Keeping the faith

Protestant Services are available Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Letterman Hospital Chapel, and at 11 a.m. in the Main Post Chapel.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Post Chapel at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, as well as 11:35 a.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Sunday Protestant services at the Fort Scott Chapel also are available. Charismatic service begins at 9 a.m., general Protestant service is at 11 a.m., and the Gospel service is at 1 p.m.

Appliances

Damaged government appliances should be reported to **561-4505** for evaluation for possible relacement.

Repairs

Routine repairs will be delayed significantly while DEH staff are checking and repairing utilities, and responding to major emergencies.

Water

Continue water conservation measures; it will help replenish the main reservoir.

Volunteers

Call **561-2927** to volunteer time to help with earthquake relief programs.

Keeping in touch

American Express is offering to call anyone world-wide to let them know loved ones in the Bay Area are all right. This service is free—just call **800 528-4800**.

School buses

The Transportation Office is coordinating school bus information. Call **561-2660** or **561-4807** to find out more.

Coping with tragedy; chaplains offer advice

by Joel P. Smith

The post chaplain said people who are afraid to grieve for lost loved ones or deal with fears of another quake, may just be hurting themselves.

"A person who thinks it's unmanly to talk about fears is likely to pay a price later," said Army Chaplain (Col.) Clyde M. Northrop.

"The firemen who've been working in the rescue effort [on the collapsed Nimitz Freeway] said they've dealt with their grief by joking about the earthquake," he said.

"They've had to choke down a lot of emotion in order to get the job done. But now they say they're waking up in the middle of the night with nightmares.

"People need to face up to the fact that it hurts, that it should hurt, and that that's all right. What they're going through is natural and normal. I had a very devastating tragedy in my life once," he explained.

"I found that if I laid across the bed and just pounded my fists into the mattress, well, that felt pretty good."

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rick Wiedman said bottled-up stress may erupt into rage and violence. "People who aren't allowed to express their emotions find that they come back to bite them later," said Wiedman, a 91st Division chaplain.

"Failure to deal with stress may bring about spouse abuse," he explained. [The tragedy] could be affecting a husband and wife's relationship without their even knowing the cause of their problems."

Wiedman said, "It's not unlikely for [a disaster] to dissolve marriages."

Worrying about the next quake—and not expressing those fears—may be psychologically damaging, said a psychiatrist at the Mt. Zion Hospital Community Crisis Service.

The doctor, who asked not to be identified, said people who've witnessed the collapse of buildings may play the scene out again and again.

"Walking down the street, they may imagine buildings falling all around them," the doctor explained. "They might think of themselves as odd and be ashamed to talk about it.

"But it's more common than people may realize. It's just the way we work through the scariest part of an earthquake."

The doctor said talking about one's fears with family and friends is usually the best therapy. "Getting out the story breaks down a feeling of isolation and loneliness," he explained.

He called the first two weeks of a mental crisis "the acute phase." This is the most important time, according to him, to discuss fears with one's friends.

Northrop also suggested exercise, getting back into a normal routine, praying, and "hugging" as coping strategies.

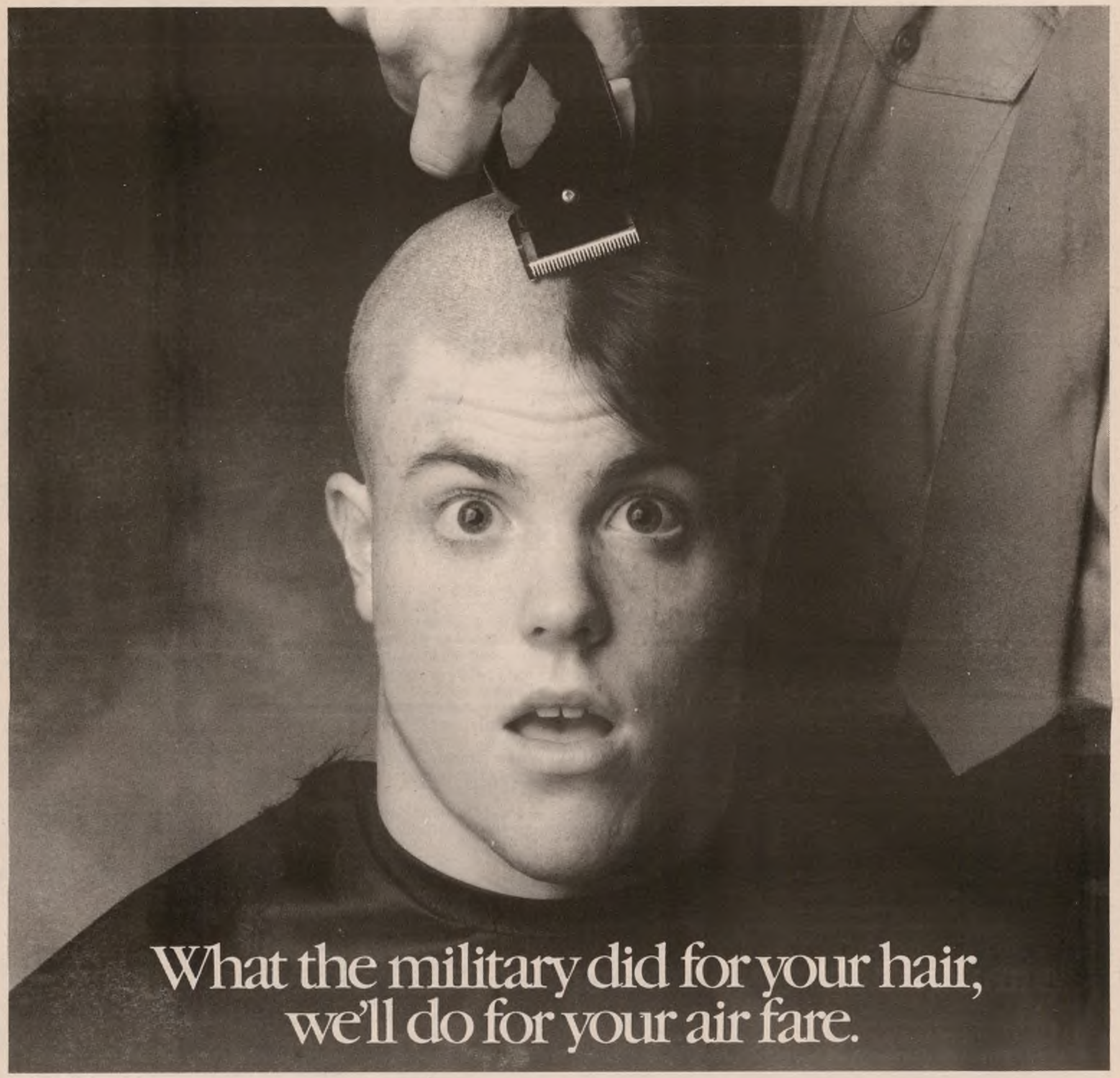
"A hug never hurt anybody that lost something," Northrop said. "A hug is good for everybody, but children especially need this. They can't say much with words. They need to say it with touch."

Wiedman said crying is one of the best methods of reducing stress and should be encouraged. Controlled crying—the kind that lets you pour out emotions that threaten to cripple you—is good for a person.

He confided how he's dealt with the tragedy: "I was reading the paper the other day, just leafing through the pages, and didn't realize it, but I felt my face and there were tears running down my face," Wiedman said.

"And I thought, 'I'm a human being just like anybody else.'

"I knew it was all right," Wiedman explained. "I just went ahead and let the tears flow."



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Earthquake Tips

Prepare now —before the rumbling starts

story and photo by Steve Morey

The rumbling begins. Buildings shake like cardboard houses in the wind, while streets and sidewalks make like a roller coaster. Gas, water and electrical lines snap causing power failures and flooding.

Presidians know first-hand the damage a severe earthquake can cause. Oct. 17's 7.0 earthquake has devastated the Bay Area and has clearly shown the need for earthquake preparedness.

It seems the only time people think of earthquake readiness is after a quake hits; but then it's too late. A local American Red Cross official says he hopes San Franciscans are prepared for earthquakes throughout the year.

"First, everyone has to recognize and accept that California is earthquake country," says Pete Ashen, Emergency Services administrator for the Golden Gate Chapter. "Then talk about **when**, not if, the next earthquake hits.

"Next, it's a must that you read the eight-page 'Survival Guide' in the San Francisco [white pages] phone book. It's also important to have a family plan [to evacuate the house, if necessary] and practice emergency procedures when an earthquake hits. Each person should know the closest place to take cover—under a sturdy table or in a doorway—when the rumbling begins."

Ashen adds that people should not only talk about the family plan, but **practice** it, especially with children. "Where will your family members meet if you get separated after an earthquake?" asks Ashen, who suggests that family members gather at a predetermined meeting area near the home.

During a major quake, local phone lines will most likely be down, or jammed with emergency calls to police and fire stations. Ashen says families should know ahead of time who will be their out-of-state contact in case family members get separated.

Although Presidians psychologically can do as much as they can to prepare themselves for a quake, Ashen says they can never be **totally** prepared.

"It depends on the severity of the quake. The 1964 Alaskan earthquake lasted more than five minutes. People who were in it said they thought it would never end."

Last week's 15-second jolt touched off fires and left the city without power for days in some areas.

Ashen says it's important to have the correct emergency equipment to help after a quake, such as fire extinguishers to douse any small fires, and wrenches to shut off gas and water lines. What's more vital, he says, is for people to know *how* to use such equipment.

He emphasizes that people should take Red Cross first-aid and CPR classes, offered to Presidians on post in building 97.

Call **561-2187** for more information.

"When the earthquake hits, you can't just call 911 and have an emergency ambulance and a police car at your door in four minutes. You may be on your own for a couple of days."



Quake's devastation

The Palace of Fine Arts stands silently near the Marina District's disaster area. Earthquakes strike without warning and with great force. What have *you* done to prepare for the next one?

Earthquake preparation — what you can do now!

Here's a list of things Presidians can do to prepare for the next major quake—predicted by Bay Area seismologists to hit before the 21st century. Earthquake preparedness now could save a home or a life later.

Safety Tips (provided by the American Red Cross)

Have on Hand . . .

- **Flashlights and a portable radio:** both with spare batteries. Do not use matches or candles after a quake. (Gas leaks may exist.)
- **First aid kit and first aid knowledge:** Have members of your family take basic Red Cross first aid and CPR courses. Call **561-2187** to sign up for post classes in building 97.
- **Fire extinguishers:** Class C extinguishers are designed to use safely on any type of fire. Know **how** to use your extinguishers.
- **Food:** Keep a supply of nonperishable food on hand, including at least a 72-hour supply of canned or dehydrated food, powdered milk and canned juices. Dried cereals and fruits and non-salted nuts are also a good source of nutrition.
- **Water:** You should have at least three gallons a person for a 72-hour period. The water should be stored in air-tight containers and replaced at least every six months. Purification tablets such as Halazone and Globaline should be used; but, first read the bottle label.

Said American Red Cross' Pete Ashen, "People take water for granted. You should strap your water heater to the studs of the house to keep it secure. You'll need every bit of that hot water if help can't get to you for three or four days."

- **Special items:** Have at least a week's supply of medications and special foods needed for infants or those on limited diets.
- **Tools:** Pipe wrenches and crescent wrenches would be needed to turn off gas and water mains. Each adult family member, including the family's older children, should know how and where to shut off each main line.

Home Preparedness

Teach responsible members of your family how to turn off electricity, gas and water at the main switch and valves. **Do not** shut off gas unless an emergency exists. If gas is ever turned off, remember that all pilot lights must be relit. Label the main water shut-off valve, found where water enters the house.

Defective electrical wiring and leaky gas or inflexible connections are dangerous in the event of an earthquake. Bolt down water heaters and gas appliances.

According to the American Red Cross, most injuries and deaths during a quake result from falling objects and debris. Place large and heavy objects on lower shelves; securely fasten shelves to walls. Brace or anchor high or top-heavy objects.

A masonry chimney could crumble through an unsupported roof. Be aware of this: don't seek cover near a chimney. Also, flammable liquids, such as painting and cleaning products, might be safer if stored in a garage or outside shed.

For free safety tip pamphlets from the American Red Cross on post, visit building 97 or call **561-2187.**

Off post you can call the Golden Gate Chapter at **776-1500,** or visit their San Francisco office at 1550 Sutter Street.

Editor's note: These two articles have been reprinted from the Sept. 21 Star Presidian.

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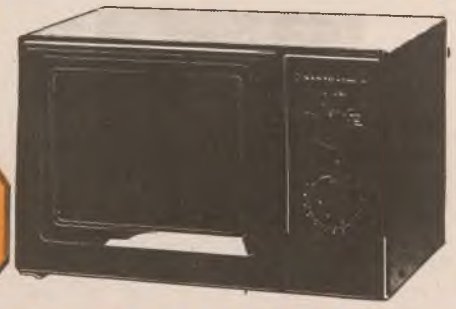
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Gym No. 2 serves as a FEMA Disaster Application Center.

story and photo by Steve Morey

One of 12 Disaster Application Centers was established on the Presidio, Sunday by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the California Office of Emergency Services to assist earthquake-stricken residents.

Historically, the Presidio and the Army has helped San Francisco deal with disaster—and has opened its doors again. After the 1906 earthquake, the Presidio housed the city's homeless and helped control the raging fires.

Two displaced Marina residents from last week's quake say the "good news" for them is that the Presidio is here to help. "We're very grateful to the Army, and to the [San Francisco] fire and police departments, for helping us out," says 75 year old Kate Germer.

Germer and her son, Harry, were on post seeking financial assistance after the quake destroyed their North Point home, where Kate Germer had lived for 33 years.

"Our future—everything—was lost. We couldn't even recover a pot. We are victims. We are not destitute. All we need is extra money to buy clothes for our backs." The Germers left here saying FEMA would get them the money "as fast as they can."

Emotional support

What may be just as important as financial assistance is the emotional support the residents get from each other. "Their neighbors are here to help them get through these trying times," explains Alice W. King, FEMA's lead registrar here.

Most of the residents reporting to the Presidio's Gym No. 2, King says, are from the hardest-hit city area, the Marina District.

"It's a group recovery. They're more quiet, relaxed than a couple of days ago. Some are bewildered, but with the camaraderie they share, it makes it a little easier," she says.

A few feet away from King, two women throw their arms around each other, not having seen each other since the quake hit. Tears line their faces as they stand holding on, grasping for words which need not be spoken.

According to King, the first FEMA disaster application centers to be set up since the quake hit will stay open as long as residents need assistance.

Here to help

Converging on post are more than 20 organizations such as the American Red Cross, the San Francisco Mayor's Office and the Veteran's Administration of San Francisco.

Assisting victims with legal questions are lawyers, such as Benjamin G. Flores, from the San Francisco Attorney's Office.

"People seem to be pretty satisfied with [FEMA's and the Army's] efforts," says Flores. "The residents don't always get the answers they want, but they're understanding—considering the circumstances."

Flores adds that the most common questions he gets relate to tenant-landlord relationships: "Questions like, 'What are my rights as a renter now that my building isn't habitable? Do I get my deposit back?'"

Bud Kohlman, from San Francisco's VA, says he's happy to be here to help out veterans who need address changes, home loans, getting house payments deferred and vocational or educational counseling.

"Most people in the Marina District are renters, so there isn't a lot we can do in the way of VA home loan assistance," explains Kohlman, himself a Navy veteran.

"But, anything we can do for area residents, especially Presidio people, we'll be glad to help."

FEMA's Presidio disaster aid center, on Gorgas Avenue between Lyon Street and *Highway 101, is* open everyday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., until further notice. For more information call the FEMA hot line at **800 462-9029** (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

Presidio houses earthquake refugees

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Forty-six earthquake refugees loll on Army cots at a community center here—some nursing cuts, bruises, or broken bones—and distantly watch "One Life to Live."

On a miniature television set, a pearl-draped blonde sobs for love lost, and Jorge Santos, one of 479 homeless persons now sheltered on the Presidio, looks away in disgust.

"Awwhh, she's got it soft," he says, and brushes her problems aside with a sweep of his hand.

"I had just gotten myself a three-piece suit and was set for an interview when the quake hit," says Santos, currently unemployed.

The quake destroyed his room in San Francisco's Tenderloin District, he says.

"All my stuff—gone." He snaps his fingers. "Just like that."

Santos quickly shrugs. He says he's happy to be alive, happy to have at least a roof overhead.

"The display of compassion here should be a good lesson for people," he says. "It shows that people who work together can accomplish anything."

"The [Army and Red Cross] were kind of disorganized at first," says Erika Collins, Santos' companion. "They didn't know what to do with all of us.

"I was sort of depressed, but the people around here are really helping," Collins continues. "I think they're doing great."

Capt. Larry K. Renfro, stationed at the Golden Gate Reserve Center, where 148 displaced persons are sheltered, admits, "It's been a tough situation."

Renfro, a training officer for the 6211th U.S. Army Garrison at the Presidio, says the cots are so thick in the halls, he has to pull a couple aside to open his office door.



A couple babysit two children displaced after a gas leak was discovered in the smoldering Marina District Oct. 18. About 480 earthquake victims, also displaced, are housed on post.

"We feel run over, but that's to be expected," he explains. "I think we're doing a good thing here, though. It's just a matter of putting out—getting the job done."

Three barracks here also were opened to accommodate the displaced, who streamed through the gates on public buses after their shelter closed Sunday.

The Moscone Convention Center, in downtown San Francisco, emptied its halls of displaced persons late Sunday night and readied for business.

A Navy transport, the USS Peleliu, at Pier 30 took 360 of the refugees aboard, according to Patricia A. Young, a volunteer spokeswoman for the Red Cross.

She says the Presidio took the majority of the rest.

"The Army's been an enormous help," Young notes. "They're providing bedding, a space that's secure, and a clean home. You can't just walk in anywhere and get that."

At the Log Cabin, on a cot 50 feet from Santos' makeshift bed, a woman with a bloody half-moon bruise under her right eye sits clutching a Red Cross package.

The bruise is from a broken nose, the woman, Margie E. Ehsan explains. She said she banged her nose, and cracked some ribs trying to crawl under a parked car to escape falling glass, during the quake.

She says the temblor also destroyed her apartment downtown.

Despite the wounds, she's cheerful, smiling from across the room, sitting straight-backed, the package square on her lap.

"I'm happy,' Ehsan says emphatically. "I had no place to go before I came here.

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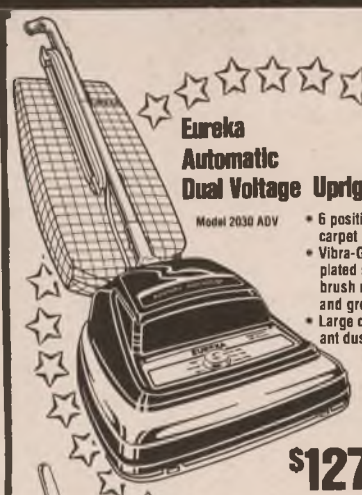
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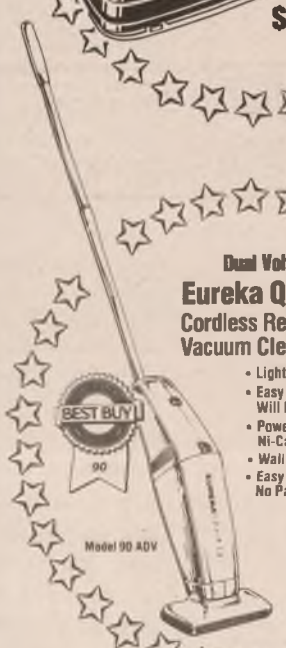
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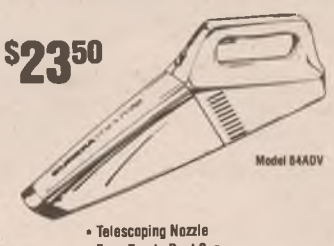
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Community Service

Army builds parking lot to ease commute

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Soldiers are building a 10-acre parking lot in Alameda, so East Bay commuters can use a ferry service during the repair of the Oakland Bay Bridge.

The lot is at Alameda Gateway, on the northern border of Alameda Naval Air Station.

"This is why I joined the [Army National] Guard," said Pvt. 2 Michael A. Battiste, a heavy equipment operator from the 579th Engineer Battalion, California Army National Guard, Santa Rosa, Calif.

"I wanted to help people—do something for my country," Battiste explained.

"If this lot can boost the use of the ferry system, then it's definitely to the public advantage," said MSgt. Richard Coughlan, an intelligence sergeant with the 579th.

Coughlan added, "This may be some of the good that comes out of the quake."

The lot will have 700 to 800 spaces when the main square is completed, according to George Horvath, a liaison between civilian contractors and the property owner at Alameda Gateway.

Before construction began, the site was an open field, containing scattered debris and an earthen mound.

Since 11:30 a.m. Friday, soldiers and civilians have been working around the clock, surveying, mapping roads, and toiling over the immense field with 20 pieces of heavy equipment.

"People come from all over, drive right up to the parking lot to thank these soldiers for what they're doing," said Horvath.

"My earth-movers feel like they're not just helping the city of Alameda, they're helping their country," said SFC Ronald N. Gause.

Gause is the first sergeant of Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion on post. Charley Company has eight heavy equipment operators, from what is called a "horizontal" platoon, leveling the lot.

The Presidio engineers, who train to build earthen barricades and troop trails to fight a foreign enemy, are instead helping a common neighbor.

It's a case of "swords into roadshears."

The 114th Maintainence Battalion, Alameda, also has soldiers at the site.



A heavy equipment operator from the 579th Engineer Battalion builds a mound of sand in the Alameda lot Oct. 22.

In addition, 64 truck drivers are working day and night, pouring gravel and crushed bedrock onto the field.

Sailors are helping civilian contractors set pilings along the shore, next to the lot.

When the project is completed, commuters will cross a barge, tied up at the new pilings, and walk down a ramp, onto ferries docked alongside the barge.

A heated waiting area for commuters also is planned for the site, according to Horvath.

At the former Todd Shipyards—a berthing site for warships during World War II and the Korean Conflict—the lot is designed to ease the city back into stride.

"This will help everybody get back to work," said Sgt. David Maxfield, a heavy equipment operator with the 579th.

"Despite everything that's happened, people still have to get back to their lives," he added. "They still have to feed their families."

Gause summed up the feelings of most soldiers here, some of whom said they had gone without sleep for as many as three days on the project.

"My engineers feel they're now doing what they came in the Army for," Gause said. "They're assisting their country in time of need."

Post offers showers to displaced Marina residents

by Joel P. Smith

Presidio officials opened shower facilities Friday to the Marina district's displaced population.

"This is the first time in two days I've gotten a shower," said Leon M. Manalo Jr. "I feel great."

Manalo said his three-story apartment building in the Marina lost gas and water shortly after the earthquake.

He heard about the Presidio's free showers while passing through the Marina Middle School, which is serving as a shelter.

"I didn't hesitate," Manalo confided. He said he boarded a no-fare MUNI bus, which is running on the half hour through the Marina, to get to the showers at post Gym No. 1.

The main post gym, which ordinarily serves only active duty and retired servicemembers, and Presidio employees, was opened to the public "for humanitarian reasons," said Col. Le Ester Alexander, director of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities.

"We wanted to provide some means of comfort to people who are doing without," he explained.

Manalo said the showers were a boost: "It rained today and I was walking around feeling gloomy and irritable. Now, I've had a shower, the sun comes out simultaneously. What else can you ask for?"

"It's not like home, but I think it's very helpful," said Lynn Carrere, a neighbor of Manalo's. "I felt very angry, very irritable because of all the inconvenience," she said.

"But this picks you up and relaxes you."

The gym staff is also washing laundry for disaster refugees.

According to Bobbie Gascon, sports director at Gym No. 1, at least one elderly woman waited in the restroom in a bath robe while gym officials washed the clothes she had been wearing.

"We'll do anything at the gym we can to help people," Gascon said. "If all we can do is wash clothes, then we'll wash clothes."

"We're trying to help people get their lives back together," said Robert A. Darling, a sports specialist at the gym.

"In time of disaster, the military and civilian community merge together to help each other out," he explained. "It's a good neighbor gesture."

Red Cross workers brought in 400 towels Saturday to ensure the post could support more disaster victims at the gym, Gascon said.

Alexander feels the post is fulfilling an obligation to the community. "The people of San Francisco are very supportive of the Presidio," he explained.

"In fact, it's a mutually cooperative society. We're just doing what we ought to be doing.

"And we'll keep on doing it as long as the need is there."

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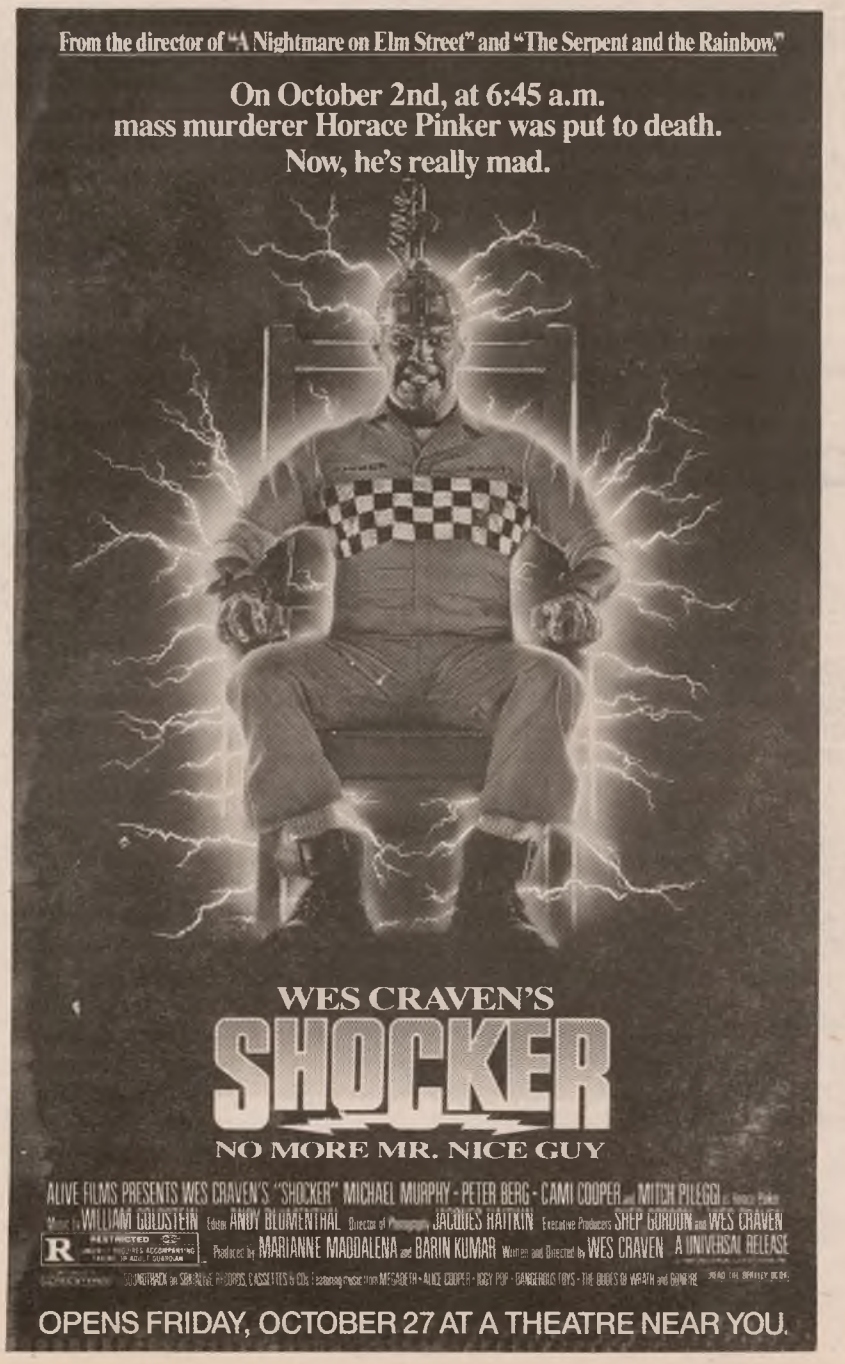
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At the Gorgas Gate Oct. 18, Spec. Jeffrey Williams, from Headquarters Company, USAG, diverts traffic away from Presidio roadways, kept clear for emergency vehicles.



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(Left to right) Sergeants Evans May Jr. and Christopher Mitchell, and Spec. Robert D. Hester, carry hot water outside building 1208, where they were setting up an outdoor cooksite Oct. 18. The cooks, without electric power in their regular facility at building 101B, were working outside on gas stoves.



photo by Joel P. Smith

As the sun descends, soldiers and civilians line up outside the Headquarters Command Battalion Dining Facility, building 101B. The facility opened the evening of Oct. 18 to feed Presidians who, due to the power shut down on post, couldn't cook for themselves.



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Reservist SFC Clayton J.S. Chong, of the post's 353rd Psychological Operations Battalion, loads furniture Saturday for a displaced Marina resident.



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Firefighters' gear lines the post fire department's floor, ready for the next call. A Presidio crew was the first to respond to the Marina District fire after the quake.

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Early retirement

Selective early retirement boards for colonels and lieutenant colonels in the Medical Service Corps and Army competitive categories will convene respectively in late November 1989 and January 1990, according to Army personnel officials.

The SERB will be conducted in compliance with Congressionally-mandated officer strength cuts for fiscal year 1990.

"Congress has directed the Army to take a balanced approach to achieve these reductions," Lt. Gen Allen K. Ono, deputy chief of staff for personnel, said. "The cuts could not come solely from junior officer grades or new accessions.

"Congress encourages the use of selective early retirement to help reach lowered officer strength," Ono added. "This is the third year in a row that the Army has had to execute the officer SERBs and again, this was an extremely difficult decision to make.

"We hoped that we wouldn't have to do it, but it was necessary to achieve a balanced force reduction, align the force and maintain the readiness of the Army," he said.

Selective early retirement boards will convene as follows:

- Nov. 28, 1989: RA colonels on the active duty list in the Medical Service Corps competitive category who have completed at least four years in grade as of Nov. 1, 1989, with dates of rank of Feb. 4, 1983 to Nov. 1, 1985, inclusive, and who are not on a promotion list to brigadier general.
- Nov. 28, 1989: RA lieutenant colonels on the active duty list in the Medical Service Corps competitive category who have failed selection two or more times to the regular grade of colonel as of the convene date of this board, and whose date of rank is July 15, 1980 to Aug. 1, 1984, inclusive.
- Jan. 8, 1990: RA colonels on the active duty list in the Army competitive category who have at least four years in grade as of Dec. 1, 1989, with dates of rank of Nov. 2, 1984 to Nov. 1, 1985, inclusive, and who are not on a promotion list to brigadier general.
- Jan. 8, 1990: RA lieutenant colonels on the active duty list in the Army competitive category who have failed selection two or more times to the regular grade of colonel as of the convene date of this board, and whose dates of rank are Nov. 2, 1982 to July 1, 1984, inclusive.

No officer who has been considered by SERB within five years preceding the convening date of the respective board will be considered by any of the boards listed above.

By law, SER boards may not select more than 30 percent of those officers being considered.

Army officials announced SERB guidance by worldwide message on Oct. 10.

For more information, call the U.S Total Army Personnel Command SERB Hotline at AV **221-0928** or **(202) 325-0928.**

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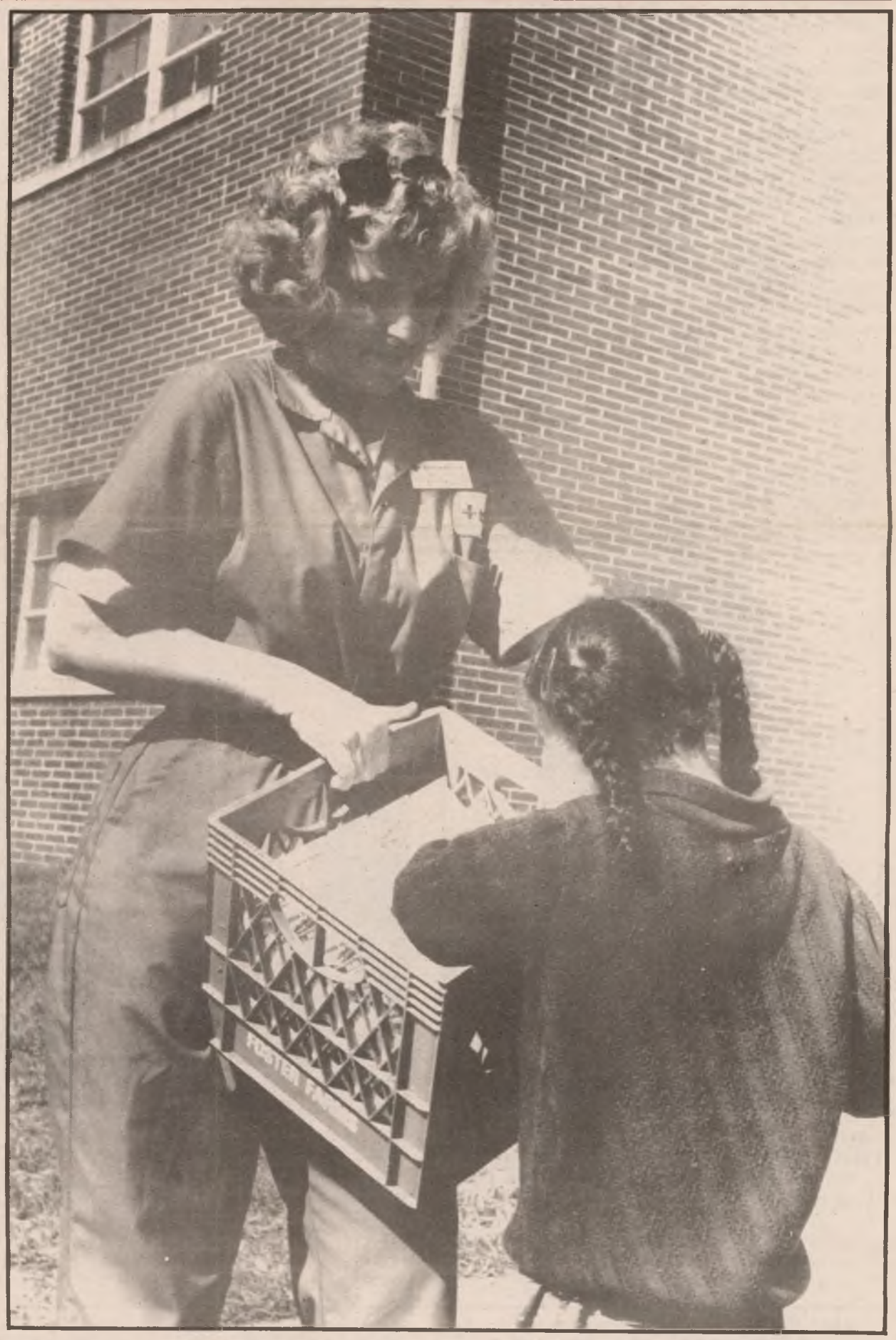


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Giving

Red Cross volunteer Linda Pappenheim offers milk to a 6-year-old girl, displaced by the Oct. 17 earthquake, at the Golden Gate Reserve Center on post. Hundreds of San Francisco residents and Presidians have volunteered time at the post over the past two weeks. (See related story and photos, page 5).

Voices

Presidio View
by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Presidio heroes

It has been another great week to be in the Army—as an Army family member, Army employee or Army retiree—at the Presidio of San Francisco. Our weather has been super and has aided much to the overall recovery effort. How could one not feel good during these beautiful clear days and nights, the sun shining, the bay sparkling. Despite all, we have much to be thankful for here at PSF.

Stories of our folks and the great acts of courage, love and compassion continue to flow in. The LAMC captain who risked his life to help rescue personnel on I-880; the folks who volunteered to aid in the personnel disaster center cooking, cleaning, counselling, providing a shoulder to cry on; the young engineers working long hours to build parking lots in Oakland; the chopper pilots who fly many hours to get necessary personnel all over the area; the Sixth U.S. Army band volunteering their time to entertain folks who have lost everything; our Garrison staff who continue to work long hours restoring essential services, manning our volunteer agencies and just generally getting our community back to normal. To all of you, my thanks and congratulations.

As many of you know, we have a number of homeless living at various locations on PSF. What we're doing here is not unlike what Presidians did in 1906 when tents were erected on post for the homeless. Later small cottages were built on post to house some of these who had to stay longer. Have you seen the replicas of these cottages behind the Museum? Today we haven't had to put folks in tents—some have had to eat in tents—and we see no requirement to build cottages because we have utilized on a temporary basis some unoccupied barracks, some Reserve Centers and even the Log Cabin. Between the Red Cross, our military and volunteer personnel, we are caring for some several hundred folks. At one Center there is a 2-week-old child—and several of our Centers have children of various ages. None of us are happy the earthquake came and disrupted lives in so many ways. But what an opportunity for Presidians to open our hearts "unto the least of these."

And you have responded in such wonderful ways. Thanks again soldiers, family members, civilian employees, retirees and volunteers. Ya' done good! A real Hoo Ah to each of you.

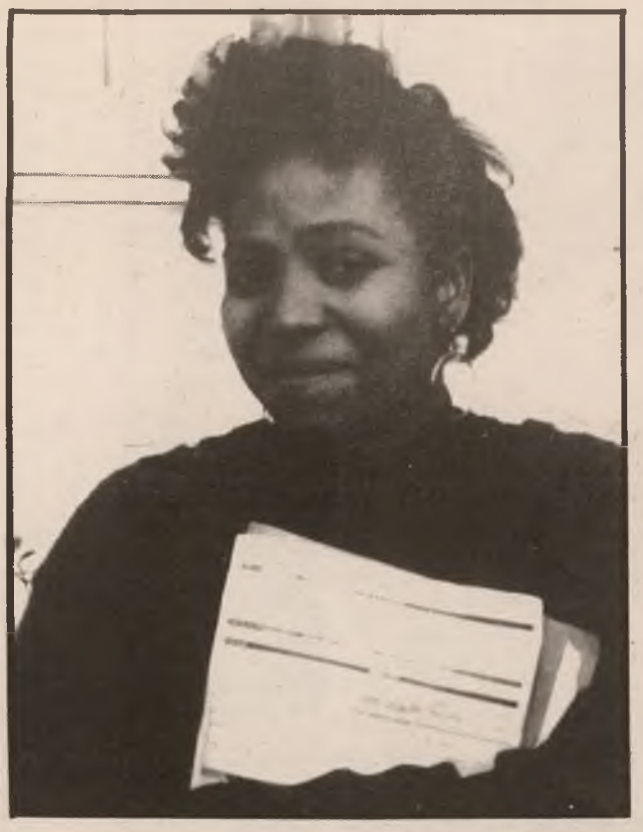
God Bless you all.

William H. Harrison,
Lieutenant General, USA

"As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do!"
Andrew Carnegie

Ramblin' Sam

"How do you feel about the Presidio sheltering the homeless and displaced?"



Karen R. Brown, personnel actions clerk, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "I have no problem with it. We're all just two pay checks and a bed from being homeless."



Col. Leonard G. Vowell, U.S. Army National Guard advisor, I Corps, Fort Lewis, Wash.: "I definitely think the Presidio should support those people for a temporary situation. Part of the Army's effort here is to help in any way we can."

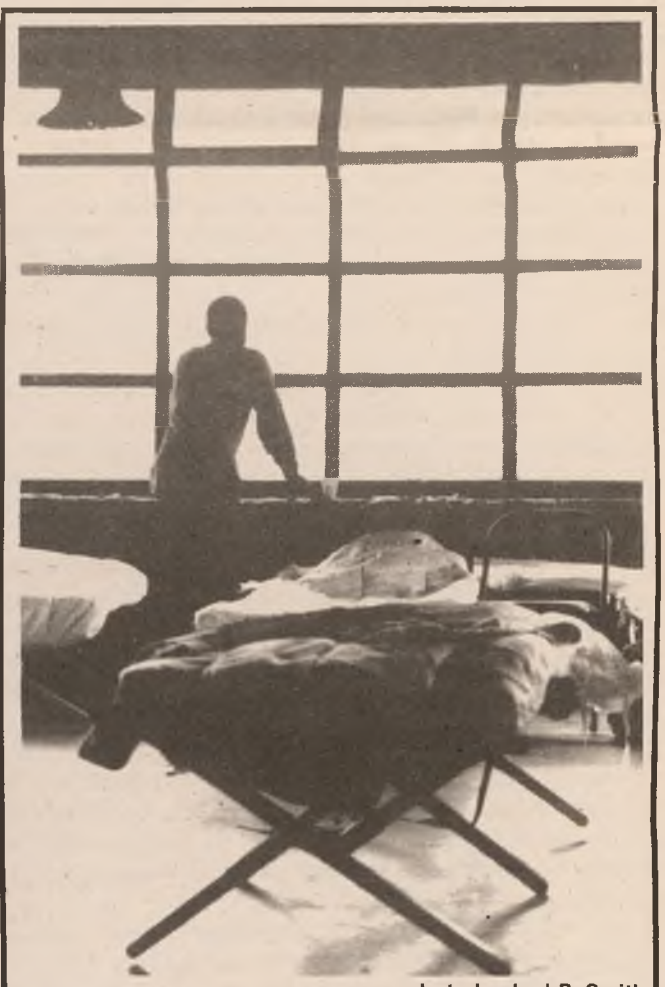


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Waiting

A displaced person stares out the east window of the Log Cabin on post. He was one of 46 earthquake refugees living at the Red Cross/Army Shelter Oct. 18, waiting for housing aid.

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News You Can Use

Flex time

As a result of the Bay Bridge's closure following the Oct. 17 earthquake, commuting anywhere is more difficult. East Bay residents in particular may find their travel time to and from the Presidio significantly increased.

A flexible hours program may be established for those organizations on post which request it. Directorate heads may want to consider such a measure based on transit availability, car pooling and the impact on morale.

For more information, call Severin Johnson at 561-2871.

Commuting information

Hotline

A commuter hotline has been set up to answer all your questions about ferries, buses, BART and more. Call **800 TRIP-510** between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Carpoois

To find a car pool in the Bay Area, call **861-POOL** between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Ferries

According to transit officials, ferries are not being heavily enough used.

The Oakland ferry leaves from Jack London Square and arrives at San Francisco's Pier 1. The schedule *is the same in both directions:* 6 to 10 a.m., ferries leave every 20 minutes; 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., ferries leave every 30 minutes; 4 to 8 p.m., ferries leave every 20 minutes; and 8:30 p.m. until midnight, ferries leave every 30 minutes. The cost is $5 for a round-trip ticket. You may buy these at Pier 41. Call **546-2896** for information.

The Richmond ferry leaves from Terminal 3 in the Port of Richmond at the end of Harbor Way. The ferry arrives at San Francisco's Pier 9. Ferries depart Richmond at 6, 7, 8 and 9 a.m. and at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Richmond-bound ferries leave San Francisco at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Morning Richmond ferries leave S.F. at 7 and 8 a.m. The cost is $5 for a round-trip ticket which can be bought at the Richmond dock. AC Transit bus L will pick up passengers at the El Cerrito BART station and along the route, and take them to the Richmond ferry terminal.

The Berkeley ferry leaves the Berkeley Marina at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 a.m.; and 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. The ferry departs San Francisco's Pier 1 at noon, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. The round-trip cost is $5. You may buy tickets at S.F. Pier 41.

The Alameda ferry departs at 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 a.m., and 4 and 5 p.m. Alameda-bound ferries leave S.F. at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. The round-trip cost is $5. You may buy tickets at Pier 41 in San Francisco.

Ferries leave Vallejo twice each morning; 6 and 6:30 a.m. for the Ferry Building in San Francisco. The evening service to Vallejo from S.F. is scheduled at 5:15, 6:15 and 7:40 p.m. The fare is $6.95 one way, or $13.90 round trip. A monthly pass is $130. The Vallejo terminal is located on Mare Island Way behind City Hall. Call **707 643-3779** for information.



photo by Jesse Williams

On edge

Residents of San Francisco's Marina district are still struggling to resume a normal life after the Oct. 17 earthquake. Several Presidio soldiers helped home owners move valuables out of condemned buildings in the area.

BART

BART is running trains 24 hours a day. From 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. trains for all destinations leave every 15 minutes. From 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. trains for Daly City and Concord, and between Richmond and Fremont depart every 20 minutes.

BART express buses are operating on a normal schedule.

Caltrain

The new hotline for Caltrain is **800 558-8661**. Caltrain is running extra trains from San Jose to San Francisco betwen 4:40 and 9 a.m.

MUNI

All MUNI buses and light-rail trains are operating on a normal schedule. The 30X line is a commute-hour express bus from the San Francisco Ferry Terminal area (at Howard and Embarcadero) to the Presidio. For schedule information call MUNI at **673-MUNI.**

Golden Gate Transit

All Golden Gate Transit buses are starting service one-half hour earlier than usual. For information call **453-2100 from Marin County; 332-6600** from San Francisco; and **707 554-1323** from Sonoma County.

The ferries are running on their regular schedule with one extra run from Larkspur to S.F. at 5:30 p.m., an extra evening run from S.F. to Larkspur at 7:20 p.m., and two extra Sausalito to S.F. runs at 6 and 9:50 a.m. Call **453-2100** for information.

The Tiburon ferry is operating on its regular schedule. Call **546-2896** for information.

Security

The Presidio Provost Marshal Office stresses that Presidians should take extra precautions to secure all personal property. Car doors and outside shed doors should be locked when not in use. Suspicious people or noises should immediately be reported to PMO at **561-2251**. Extra MPs are on duty to patrol the post housing areas; but your help is needed.

Earthquake damage

The Garrison Staff Judge Advocate's Office will help soldiers with earthquake damage claims including food spoilage due to power outages. All soldiers must first determine if their private insurance covers this type of claim. Soldiers living on post may submit claims for uninsured damage or for amounts not covered as a result of the deductible. Claim form packets are available in the Claims Office in building 223.

If soldiers living off post suffered damage, SJA suggests they contact their insurance companies immediately. Off post soldiers may also be eligible for help through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Application Center in Gym No. 2.

Soldiers with legal questions about earthquake damage are urged to call **561-4273** to schedule an appointment with an attorney.

Homeless

The American Red Cross reports that more than 400 displaced and homeless people arrived on post where they received shelter at four post locations: building 1203 and Log Cabin, both in the Fort Scott area, the Golden Gate Reserve Center, and in the 900 area buildings. The earthquake victims, transported by city from the Red Cross until further notice.

Red Cross donations

Presidians who wish to donate to the displaced people being housed on post may bring non-perishable food and clothing to the trailer behind building 1203. There are many children, including a two-week-old infant, who could use clothing and toys. Stop by the distribution trailer to find out what items are critically needed that day.

Appliances

Damaged government appliances should be reported to **561-4505** for evaluation for possible relacement.

Repairs

Routine repairs will be delayed significantly while DEH staff are checking and repairing utilities, and responding to major emergencies.

Water

Continue water conservation measures; it will help replenish the main reservoir.

Volunteers

Call **561-2927** to volunteer time to help with earthquake relief programs.

Thanks

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing and the Presidio Fire Department thank all of you who were so kind in bringing in baked goodies and a kind word during the earthquake recovery period. Your display of kindness really gave a boost to the morale of the engineers and firefighters who worked around the clock to provide emergency service. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Keeping in touch

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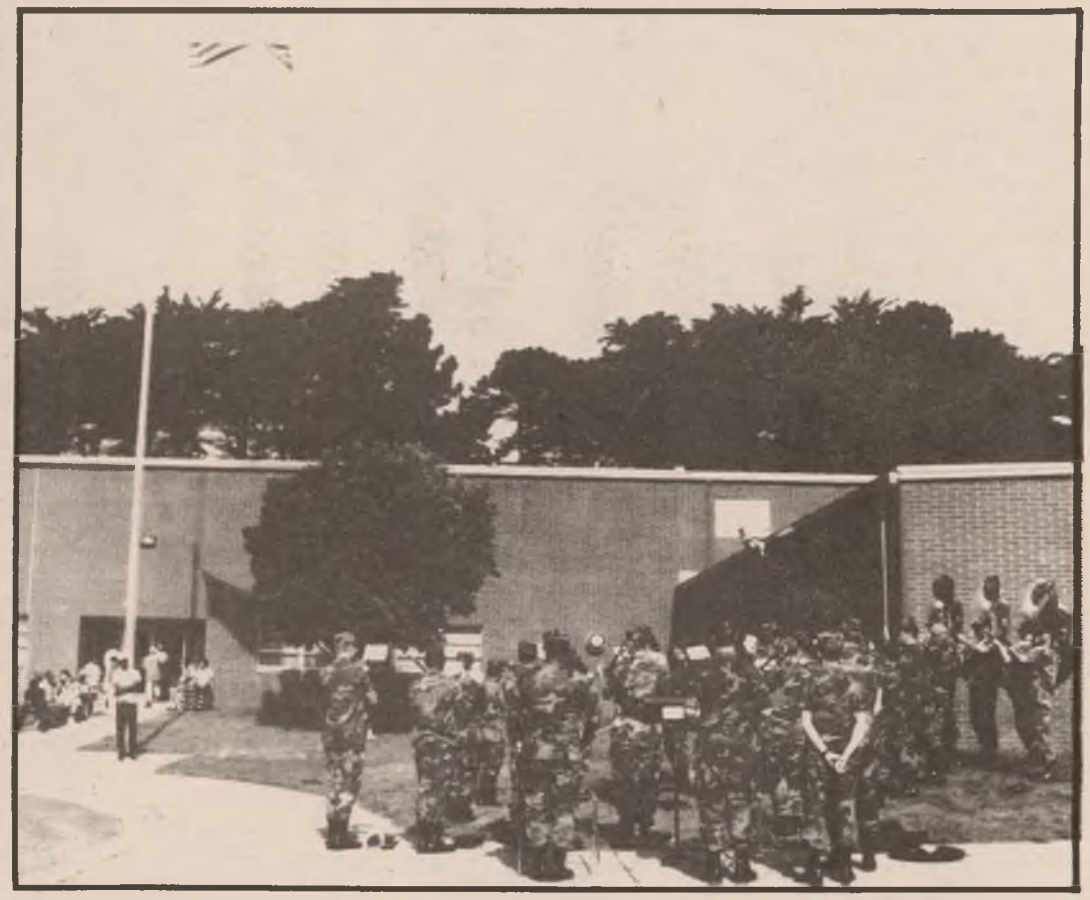
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Presidio Helps Out



Sgt. Sylvia D. Gille, 6211th USAG, donates clothing to the displaced earthquake victims at the Golden Gate Reserve Center.



The Sixth Army Band plays for the displaced, now being sheltered at the Golden Gate Reserve Center.

Post offers moral support

by Jesse Williams,
5th Public Affairs
Detachment, Fort Ord
photos by Joel P. Smith

Victims of the earthquake sheltered in Disaster Relief Centers here were treated to a different type of relief by soldiers from the Presidio Oct. 26.

The relief provided by the soldiers did not come in the form of food or clothing, but is was something that people living at the Marina Middle School felt was needed just as much.

Music—to soothe the mind; or at least provide a moment of rest.

Members of the Sixth U.S. Army Band, under the direction of Bandmaster (CWO) James Choate, arrived at the school and began entertaining school children out for recess and disaster victims eating inside at about 2 p.m.

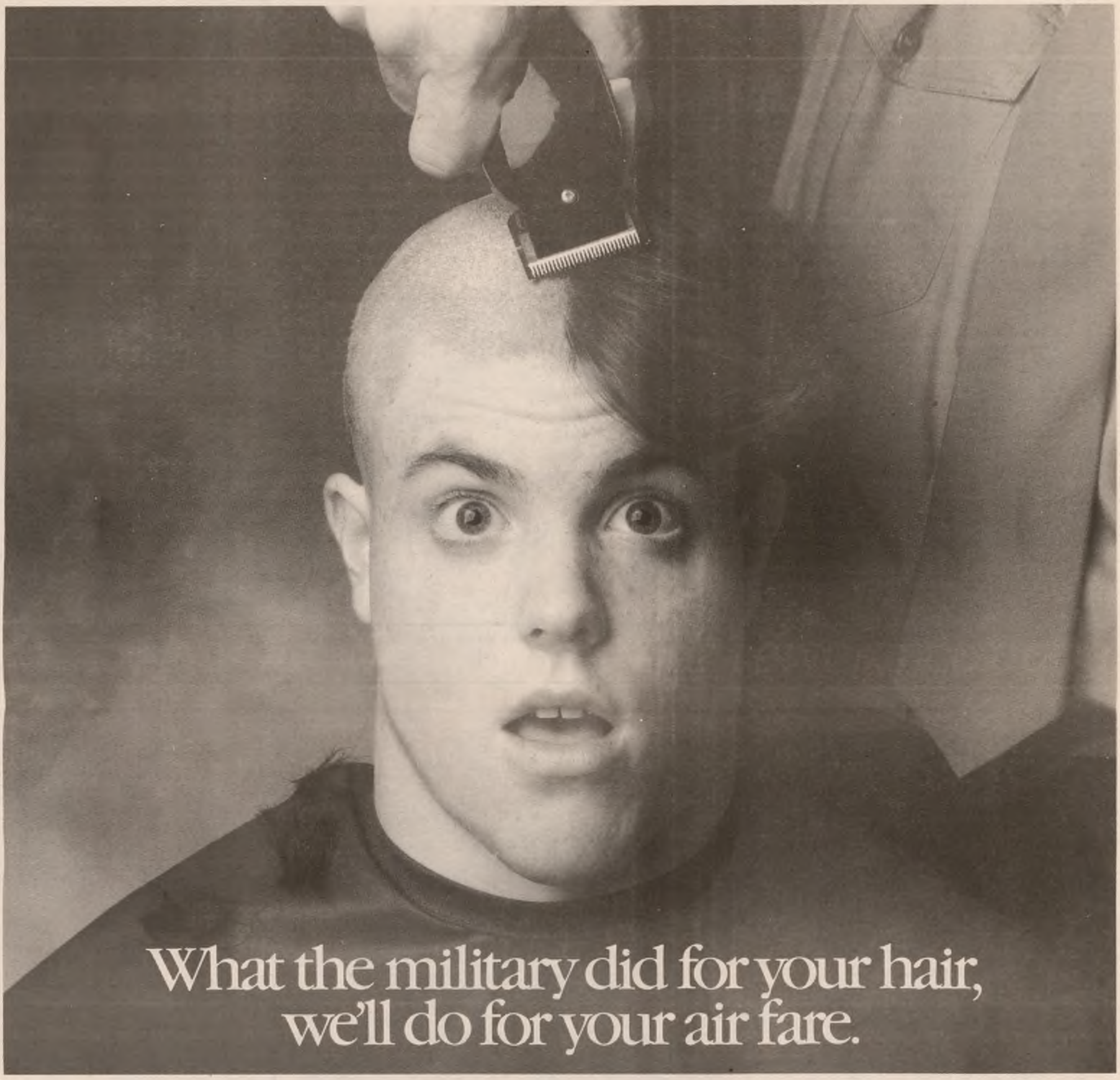
The band played selections of Sousa, jazz and patriotic music including "God Bless America," which was applauded by onlookers at the school.

"It's a nice touch," said Linda Posmituk, a Red Cross volunteer from Nevada. "Most of these people have had a lot on their minds other than relaxing and I think this was a good way to take their minds off what has happened here."

The Presidio has helped boost morale in other ways too.Soldiers and civilians have donated items such as clothing and food to the Red Cross.



Displaced persons help a Red Cross volunteer (background) unload milk crates at the center.



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After the Quake



LAMC offers aftershock help

by the LAMC Deptartment of Psychiatry

Just like small tremors and after-shakes following and earthquake, emotional reactions following a disaster *are* normal. As you adjust to the physical and psychological stresses of the earthquake, you may discover that you or someone close to you is coping with certain normal reactions to stress. There is no 'right' way to feel. Common feelings include:

- trouble falling asleep or difficulty sleeping through the night;
- nightmares;
- emotional and physical fatigue;
- irritability;
- fearing the reoccurance of earthquakes which interferes with your daily activities;
- anxiety throughout most of the day and instrusive recollections of the quake;
- disbelief and a sense that things are unreal;
- emotional numbing;
- a sense of loss of control over your life;
- feelings of guilt; and
- feelings of depression.

In children you often see a different pattern depending upon the child's age. In addition to the reactions listed above, children may show:

- changes in conduct and increased discipline problems;
- regressive behavior such as bed wetting, excessive dependence, clinging and whining, etc.;
- distractability and inattention;
- hightened curiosity about safety; and
- school problems including reluctance to attend school and worries about being away from parents and family.

Not everyone experiences these reactions. For those who do, the time of onset and the form of these symptoms of stress will vary from person to person.

Do not ignore these signs of stress. For most people these symptoms will be mild and discussing the experiences surrounding the earthquake with family and friends will be enough.

If you would like to share your experiences with others, LAMC Dept. of Psychiatry, along with Social Work Service, Chaplains Service and Army Community Service is ready to help facilitate discussion, or have rap groups at the time and place of your choosing. Earthquake support groups at the workplace, in units, housing areas, barracks, and hospital can facilitate the healing process through this difficult time.

Tonight, two earthquake support groups will meet for the first time. One is for adults, the other for children. Come to the Youth Activities Center, building 1331, in the Fort Scott area.

For more information, or to set up your own discussion group, call 561-4403.

Volunteers get reward for quake clean-up

by Joel P. Smith

Soldier and civilian volunteers on post saved the Commissary $6,000 after cleaning up earthquake damage Oct. 18 and 19, according to the store manager.

Charles W. Snow said without the volunteers, his employees "would have worked horrendous hours to get the place back in business."

He estimated it would have taken 500 staff-hours to have been able to re-open the store Oct. 20, three days after the Oct. 17 earthquake nearly shook the shelves bare.

More than 20 of the volunteers were from the Civilian Personnel Directorate on post.

"Civilians here are dedicated to the Army and dedicated to their jobs, or they wouldn't have reacted like that," said Janet J. Rosselle, director of CPD.

"They didn't expect any reward beyond the intrinsic reward of having helped out," Rosselle said.

Nevertheless, the Headquarters Command Battalion commander appeared at a staff meeting Oct. 26 and handed out 22 battalion Certificates of Appreciation.

"They clearly demonstrated what the "Total Army" concept is all about," said Lt. Col. John M. Razel.

"It's not the military on one side and civilians on the other, in the Total Army concept," Razel explained.

"It's all of us working in one family—and the civilians here showed us just how important they are in that equation," added Razel. He said civilian employees made the most impact on the public while volunteering at the battalion dining facility.

Department of Defense civilians and military family members worked up to 10 hours a day feeding Presidians at an open-air "diner," in front of building 101B.

They helped battalion cooks who, without electricity, had to cook lunch and dinner on barbecue pits.

One of the volunteers at the "cookout," Capt. Stephanie A. Barna, said she felt the community "pull closer together after the quake."

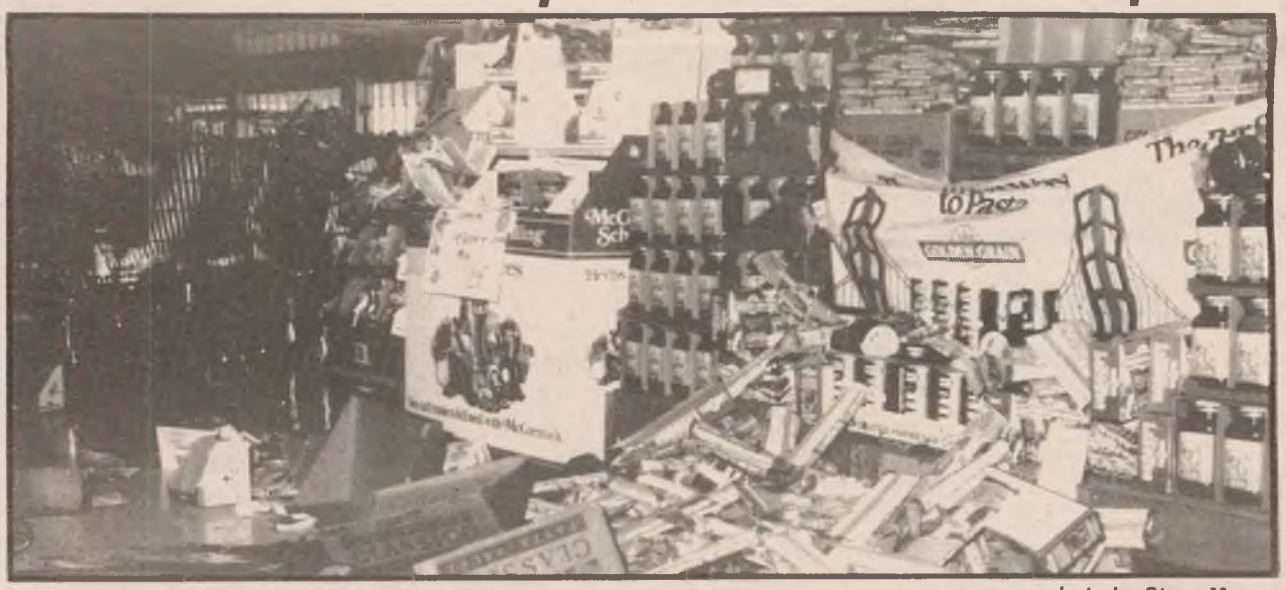


photo by Steve Morey

The Commissary was littered with broken glass and wreckage until post volunteers cleaned it up for an Oct. 20 re-opening.

Barna, with the office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said she thought she served about 300 Presidians the day after the earthquake.

"It felt wonderful," she said. "I didn't get tired until the end of the day, when I looked back and realized what I'd done.

"It was a satisfying kind of tired," Barna added.

Several commissary volunteers said working in the clean-up effort was like good therapy—which they said they needed after the quake.

"I lost a friend on the Cypress structure [the collapsed portion of the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland]," said Karen R. Brown, a personnel actions clerk with CPD.

"She had three kids. I was feeling guilty and wondering why it wasn't me," Brown, who helped in the commissary, confided.

"I needed someone to talk to—to reassure myself that everything was going to be all right," she continued. "I volunteered because I figured I'd do something constructive. I wanted to help someone."

At the commissary, volunteers spent two days mopping up an immense slick of mayonnaise, ketchup and baby food splattered on the floor after hundreds of jars broke during the quake.

"It didn't look like a grocery store any more," said another volunteer, Pvt. 2 Mayda F. Asis, a reservist with the 6253rd General Hospital at Hamilton Army Air Field in Novato, Calif.

Asis, also a clerk/typist at CPD, explained, "It looked like a child ran through and dragged everything off the shelves."

Volunteers also helped distribute food throughout the post, feeding Presidians who couldn't rely on the stores off post, also closed after the earthquake.

"This is an example of how the system was designed to work and *can* work," said Razel.

"I have nothing but the highest regard for the volunteers here," he continued.

"When we look back on the earthquake and think about the way our community dealt with it, volunteers will always be remembered and they will forever be appreciated."



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Sports

Monsters unleash athletic prowess at annual run

story and photos by Steve Morey

Monsters ran wild again on post Saturday amidst snarled traffic and the lingering effects of the Oct. 17 earthquake. The sixth annual "Monster Chase," a 5-kilometer run and 1-mile walk, drew nearly 700 ghastly ghoulies to Crissy Field.

The San Francisco Special Olympics fund-raiser was almost vetoed by the temblor. "How close did we come to cancelling the event? This close," said event organizer, David Rhody, holding his fingers an inch apart.

"People were looking for something upbeat since the quake hit. They've adjusted, to a certain extent," explained Rhody, bedecked in a black magician's outfit, complete with a top hat.

"This is an event where they can get weird, let loose and release some of the tension inside."

The show's main stage area was moved to the Crissy Field side of the fence to accommodate Pacific Gas and Electric's Marina District headquarters. PG&Es crews are trying to restore power to the quake-stricken area, four blocks east of the post.

"PG&E has been very, very cooperative," said Rhody, adding that the company's crews helped move equipment into place for the race.

In return, the haunt-and-jaunt spectacle let the workers take a brief break from their duties. "It's time to get our minds off [quake-related] things," said Don Herger, a PG&E transportation specialist whose smile reflected the racers' grinning faces.

"A race like this is good, just like the World Series helps us to move ahead," Herger said.

Rhody and his staff's pre-quake estimate of 2,000 racers was whittled down by a tricky Bay Area weekend commute and increased traffic around the PG&E worksite on Mason Street. Rhody held back the 3 p.m. start by 15 minutes for late arrivals.

Previous Monster Chases have been held at night. However, Rhody said the event's focus has switched from a singles' scene to a family scene: thus, an afternoon starting time.

"The market's changed. Racers who were single five years ago are now married with kids. Plus it's safer during the day," Rhody explained.

As for the run in the sun, a certain devil had it all figured out. "I'm gonna win the race. Yeah, Lucifer and I are close pals," joked a red-caped and -horned Sonia Magobet, of San Francisco.

"Halloween's my favorite time of the year. And people need a break from the earthquake. It's pretty disastrous and depressing, but events like this show the city's unity in time of crisis," she said.

Magobet's friend, Cheryl Catley, also from San Francisco, added, "We need to laugh once in awhile because we have all of this anxiety built up."

To say the participants vented their Halloween spirit(s) would be an understatement. Four Mouseketeers, three rainbow-colored clowns, "siamese" twins and the "Tin Man" joined the usual assortment of witches, vampires, warlocks and—a nose?!?

Yes, a 9-foot tall, mustachioed "Winner by a Nose" runner dodged the pollen and potholes on his way to the finish line. Asked afterward how he felt, he—or it—bellowed, "I'm all right. Got a kleenex?"

Another runner, seemingly disoriented since the quake struck, ran the three-mile course backward. Also, Batman deserted Gotham City and several Tarzans left their Cheetahs back in the tree. It was a jungle out there.

One Tarzan was joined by Jane and their two children. Belmont, Calif.'s Dan and Linda Martinez took top honors in the men and women divisions, respectively. "Tarzan" swooped in at 15:50 while "Jane" finished about three minutes later.

In the end, the event's corporate sponsors offered fruit juices, cookies, nuts and, of course, Halloween candy, to the finishers. All leftover products, including any of the race's florescent orange T-shirts, were shuttled to Fort Scott's building 1203. American Red Cross volunteers handed out the goodies to the displaced families who've been on post nearly two weeks.

Said the devilish Magobet, "Everyone benefits. The person who runs gets a good workout and all of the money [raised] goes to [the city's] Special Olympics. I feel comfortable knowing my donation stays in the local area."



Although not the winner, this nosey participant *did* complete the entire 5-kilometer race.



Tarzan (Dan Martinez of Belmont, Calif.) charges to first place in the Men's Division.



Visiting Crissy Field from the Land of Oz, is the Tin Man, Kevin Fifield of San Mateo, Calif.

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The Public Affairs Office has received several complaints about an advertiser who placed an ad in the Aug. 3 and 10 *Star Presidian.* Military Loans West promised that Presidians who sent $10 would receive a guaranteed application. What people received was a three-page explanation of how someone may establish the necessary good credit to apply for a bank loan. Many Presidians assumed their $10 would instead secure them a loan.

The Public Affairs Office asked the Staff Judge Advocate's Office for guidance. Their staff suggests the following measures be taken: make a written complaint to the Better Business Bureau at 510 16th Street, Oakland, Calif. 94612. Consider also filing a complaint with the State Attorney General's Office. For a complaint form write to the Attorney General, Public Inquiry Unit, P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento, Calif. 94244-2550. Soldiers and family members may make an appointment for legal help at SJA.

Ski trips

Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring three trips to the snow country: South Lake Tahoe, Dec. 15 through 17, sign-up deadline is Nov. 15; Bear Valley Feb. 9 through 11, sign-up deadline is Jan. 10; South Lake Tahoe March 9 through 11, sign-up deadline is Feb. 7.

The cost is $70 a person for the South Lake Tahoe and $75 a person for Bear Valley, payable upon sign-up. Cost includes round-trip transportation and two nights lodging based on double occupancy. Equipment rental, meals and lift tickets are not included in the cost. Full refunds are available for cancellations due to verifiable military duty.

Ski trips depart from Outdoor Recreation, building 667 at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and return at approximately 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

These trips are open to active duty military, family members, retired military, reservists and Presidio civilian employees. One civilian guest per individual is permitted.

POWC update

Presidio Officers' Wives Club members interested in touring Treasure Island Museum Thursday must call Ellen Litney, **346-9436**, by Monday. There will be a film, exhibits of the Golden Gate Exposition and new displays celebrating the fair's 50th anniversary. Members leave at 10:30 a.m. and meet for lunch at Il Fornio.

On Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Officers' Club, POWC will sponsor a jewelry company from Bangkok, Thailand. All Presidians are invited to view or buy their work, which will include gold, silver and brass jewelry.

The December tour is Dec. 14 at the Dunsmir House in Oakland. This Victorian home will be decorated for Christmas. There is a $9 advance charge. To reserve a space, mail your check to Ellen Litney, 534-B Simmonds Loop by Nov. 20. Meet at the Officers' Club parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Call Litney at **346-9436** for more information.



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'Look Who's Talking'

Mikey applies a comforting ice pack to James (John Travolta). This romantic comedy—starring Bruce Willis as the voice of Mikey—is playing at theaters throughout the Bay Area.

Blood drive

The next Presidio blood drive is Nov. 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the NCO Club Green Room. Call the Family Support Division for an appointment at **561-3701** or **561-5730.**

If groups of 20 or more are unable to make one of these dates due to schedule conflicts, call **561-3701** to arrange for a Blood Mobile to come to you.

Computer Club

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Presidio Macintosh User's Group will be held Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 667. Everyone is welcome. Call for information, **561-2528.**

Black and White Ball

A Gala Black and White Ball will be held at the Presidio Officers Club Nov. 11, Veterans Day. The festivities will begin with a no host cocktail hour followed by dinner in the grand ballroom. At 9 p.m. party goers will dance to the music of John Cordoni's 14-piece band playing the tunes of Glenn Miller, Guy Lombardo, the Dorsey Brothers and others from the big band era. The band will feature tango, cha cha, rhumbas, as well as contempory tunes. The cost is $20 a person for members and their guests; $22 a person for non-members and guests. Reservations are required, they can be made at the Officers' Club.

Cardboard recycling

The Presidio recycling point is now recycling cardboard. If you have any cardboard boxes call the recycling point for easy pick-up, **561-6140.**

Chapel services

As a result of possible earthquake damage there is a temporary change in Chapel services: Protestant Services are now available on Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Letterman Hospital Chapel, and at 11 a.m. in the Main Post Chapel. Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Post Chapel at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, as well as 11:35 a.m. on Monday through Friday. Catechism will still be held at the Religious Activities Center at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Protestant Sunday Services at the Fort Scott Chapel remain the same; Charismatic services at 9 a.m., general Protestant at 11 a.m., and Gospel Service at 1 p.m.

Job search

The USO has a job search program to assist military spouses in finding work. Skills assessment, resume writing, referrals and placement are offered free of charge. Interested Presidians may register in the program at the USO, building 223 or phone **561-2436,** Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ITT news

Enjoy a world of savings with the $35 Entertainment '90 Coupon Book. Save as much as 50 percent when you dine, go to the movies, theater, sports events or travel. There are hundreds of two-for-one saving opportunities!

You are invited to a wine tasting in Napa Valley Nov. 18. Bring your lunch or eat there. The cost is $10.

San Francisco Nutcracker Ballet tickets are on sale now at ITT for the Dec 14 evening performance. The price is $22. and the tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Call or visit ITT, building 215, **561-3992** for information.

Thrift Shop

The next Thrift Shop Saturday opening (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and flea market (7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) will be Saturday. Bring a table, valid military ID card and rent a vendor space for $5. There is an additional charge for extra space. No reservation is needed.

The Thrift shop needs volunteers in all areas of the shop. They pay bridge tolls and child care.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Nov. 2: The Package (R), 7 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 3: The Package (R), 7 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 4: Parenthood (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sun, Nov. 5: Parenthood (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 6: Parenthood (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 7: Batman (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 8: Batman (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 9: Kickboxer (R), 7 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 10: Kickboxer (R), 7 p.m.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Nov. 3: Fletch Lives (PG), 7 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 4: Start Trek III (PG), 1 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 5: Everybody's All-American (R), 7 p.m.

Movie summaries were unavailable at press time.

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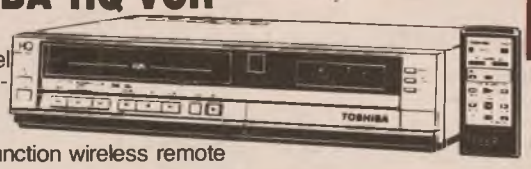
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News Briefs

Open Season health plans

Employees covered by either of the two government retirement plans are eligible to join the Thrift Savings Plan. There are two open seasons held each year for eligible employees to join the plan or change participation. You can start contributing or change your contributions only during an open season. The first open season for 1989 will be from Wednesday through Jan. 31, 1990. The second open season for 1990 will begin May 15, 1990 and end July 31, 1990.

Employees hired before July 1, 1989 are eligible to either make contributions to the plan for the first time or change the choice made during the previous open season.

CSRS employees can change a prior election or begin to contribute for the first time.

If you are eligible and want to start, stop, or change your contribution to the Thrift Savings Plan this open season, you may obtain the TSP booklet, TSP Election Form, and TSP Designation of Beneficiaries Form from the receptionist in building 37. If you have questions regarding the TSP or this open season, call Francisco Da Costa at 561-5724.

Commissary closes

The Presidio Commissary will be closed on Friday in observance of Veterans Day. The Commissary will also be closed Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving Day.

Health benefits

The open season for health benefits begins Monday and lasts until Dec. 8. To help Presidians find out more about each of the various plans, the Civilian Personnel Directorate is sponsoring a health fair. Representatives from many of the health plans will be available to answer questions at that time.

The fair will be held at the Sixth U.S. Army Conference Facility on building 35's first floor, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop by for brochures and answers to your health plan questions.

OCS selection board

Headquarters U.S. Army Personnel Command has announced the Officer Candidate School Selection Board is scheduled to meet Nov. 27 to 29. For boarding information, call Military Personnel Operations Branch at **AV 586-2151 or 561-2151**

SJA Office closed

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, building 223, will be closed Nov. 17 for CPR training

Post honors quake heroes

story and photos by Steve Morey

The Presidio and the city of San Francisco remembered the heroes of the 1989 earthquake, just as they recognized the heroes of the infamous 1906 earthquake.

Some of 1989's heroes, 130 soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members and retirees from the Bay Area were awarded medals on post Friday for their support after the Oct. 17 earthquake.

The mass awardee formation at Pershing Square was surrounded by more than 400 soldiers and civilians from 10 post units and tenant units. They were honored by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, commander of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio, and San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos.

Harrison said the efforts of this year's heroes are equal to those of the 1906 quake, and will be known as the "heroes of the future."

"The Army's motto has been 'When we were needed, we were there,'" Harrison said, adding that DA soldiers' and civilians' help after both the 1906 and 1989 quakes exemplifies that point.

Meanwhile, Agnos conveyed his appreciation to the Presidio and the Army, especially for housing the displaced and homeless quake victims.

"Of all the Red Cross shelters I've visited, the shelters here at the Presidio are the best run," Agnos said. He added that this could begin a "new gentleness, a new direction" for the Army in caring for the homeless.

According to one awardee, ceremonies like this are important because they help San Franciscans realize what a valuable asset the Presidio is to the area.

"It's not only a responsibility but a privilege to help the city," said Barbara Bennett, an American Red Cross volunteer at Letterman Army Medical Center who spent countless hours helping at LAMC and in Burlingame, Calif.

"I feel very strongly about that. We are here to help with anything we can," explained the 15-year Red Cross worker.



San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos and Lt. Gen. William Harrison arrive at Pershing Square for the awards ceremony.

Bennett was one of 18 DA civilians who received a Commander's Award for Public Service. She volunteered the morning after the quake—just hours after her regular nighttime shift. Bennett collected donated food and clothing for the displaced and homeless; then, two days later traveled south to Burlingame to help the Red Cross' Western Regional Center.

There, she and other volunteers answered hundreds of phone calls from service members worldwide who were concerned about their families' well-being. Bennett found out the status of the Bay Area family members and called back the service members.

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Flanked by a Pershing Square cannon, the earthquake heroes await their medals.

Voices

Presidio View
by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Heroes meet Congress

It was another great week to be in the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. Our weather remains super and recovery from the quake continues.

On Friday, the 3rd of November, we had a wonderful ceremony to recognize some 130 military, family members, civilian employees and retiree "Heroes of the '89 Quake." The Mayor of San Francisco came and participated, making it very special. SGM Dunn of DCST arranged the ceremony and SGM Abner of USAG presided. To all the recipients, my congratulations and to all who participated, my thanks. As usual, the Sixth Army band was outstanding.

Also on Friday, Congressman Tom Foley, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, along with a number of other Congresspersons visited PSF. At the briefing for these dignitaries, I took the opportunity to introduce Spec. Kurt Mercier, 2nd Lt. Denise E. Biehn, Starine Cheek and Mindy Mascaro. These four represented all our "Heroes of the '89 Quake" to the Congress. Again, my thanks to these four for their unselfish actions and for participating in the briefing.

Last week I also received a copy of the very complimentary letter sent to President Bush by the local Bay Area Red Cross. One quote from the letter says it all—"it is now our [Red Cross] turn to send our appreciation to the Bay Area military." Hoo Ah!

Last week I also continued my series of briefings by the Garrison Staff. I visited the CPO and the DOL. At each place I got super briefings and learned a great deal more of the many activities that go on at PSF. At DOL I got a special briefing by our Rigger Detachment. These folks support a wide variety of Airborne forces throughout the Western United States. As an old paratrooper I always appreciate the professionalism of Riggers. Spec. Melvin Vega-Velez gave me a demonstration of chute packing—reinforcing my faith that that chute will take care of you! Hoo Ah! Thanks to CW3 Jesmer and all his super troops. Airborne!

On Dec. 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. there will be a FITNESS WORKOUT conducted by our Health Risk Appraisal Clinic and the B-FIT and GET-FIT groups. If you have not taken advantage of this program before, you should. It's a great opportunity. The FITNESS WORKOUT will take place at the Post Gym.

Are all of you out there aware of our DIAL-A-BOSS system at PSF? It's another effort on our part to learn of your problems so we can deal with them expeditiously. If you're having a problem which your chain of command has been unable to resolve for you—dial **561-2677** and let us know your problem.

On Tuesday the 31st of October we had our latest Sixth Army and Garrison Run. It's getting bigger each month and I encourage any and all individuals and units to join us. We run a standard Army nine minute pace for about three miles. It's fun, it's good for you, and it builds great morale and esprit. CSM Whiteford is the POC, so if you're interested in joining us, contact him for date and time. Rumor has it that the November run will be bigger in preparation for December when some guy in a red suit and whiskers may run with us!

God bless you all.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"In golf and n life, it's the follow through that makes the difference."

—Anon

Ramblin' Sam

"Do you still feel affected by the Oct. 17 earthquake?"



Rochelle D. Jose, military family member, Hawaii: "Yes. They say it may travel to Hawaii. I'm kind of scared. I just want to run."



Freddie Lee, record keeper, Property Office, Directorate of Logistics: "Yes. Ordinary nervousness. I guess it's a habit that everybody's got—that the next one's gonna be the big one."



Capt. Paul E. Crane, 6th Recruiting Brigade, San Francisco Battalion: "No. It doesn't seem to have changed. Everything is back in the same groove. If it's anything, the traffic is more of a problem."

Dear General Harrison:

I write to express my praise and admiration for the fine job which the Sixth U.S. Army has done in responding to the earthquake which threatened our city on October 17th.

The Army deserves high praise for its swift and effective response to the crisis. The men and women of the Presidio saved many homes and many lives by their courageous and professional performance. The people of San Francisco will not soon forget the heroism displayed by the Sixth U.S. Army on that difficult night and during the uncertain days which followed.

I am proud to represent the city which houses the Sixth U.S. Army Headquarters. My highest praise and deepest gratitude come to you and all the members of the Sixth U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Sincerely,
Milton Marks
State Senator

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Carpools

To find a car pool in the Bay Area, call **861-POOL** between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Ferries -

According to transit officials, ferries are not being heavily enough used.

The Oakland ferry leaves from Jack London Square and arrives at San Francisco's Pier 1. The schedule is the same in both directions: 6 to 9 a.m., ferries leave every 30 minutes; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., ferries leave every hour; 4 to 6:30 p.m., ferries leave every 30 minutes; and 7 p.m. until midnight, ferries leave every hour. The cost is $5 for a round-trip ticket. You may buy these at Pier 41. Call **546-2896** for information.

The Richmond ferry leaves from Terminal 3 in the Port of Richmond at the end of Harbor Way. The ferry arrives at San Francisco's Pier 9. Ferries depart Richmond at 6, 7 and 8 a.m. and at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Richmond-bound ferries leave San Francisco at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Morning Richmond ferries leave S.F. at 7 and 8 a.m. The cost is $5 for a round-trip ticket which can be bought at the Richmond dock. AC Transit bus L wil pick up passengers at the El Cerrito BART station and along the route, and take them to the Richmond ferry terminal.

The Berkeley ferry leaves the Berkeley Marina at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 a.m.; and 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. The ferry departs San Francisco's Pier 1 at 7, 8, 10 a.m., noon, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. The round-trip cost is $5. You may buy tickets at S.F. Pier 41.

The Alameda ferry departs at 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 a.m., and 4 and 5 p.m. Alameda-bound ferries leave S.F. at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. The round-trip cost is $5. You may buy tickets at Pier 41 in San Francisco.

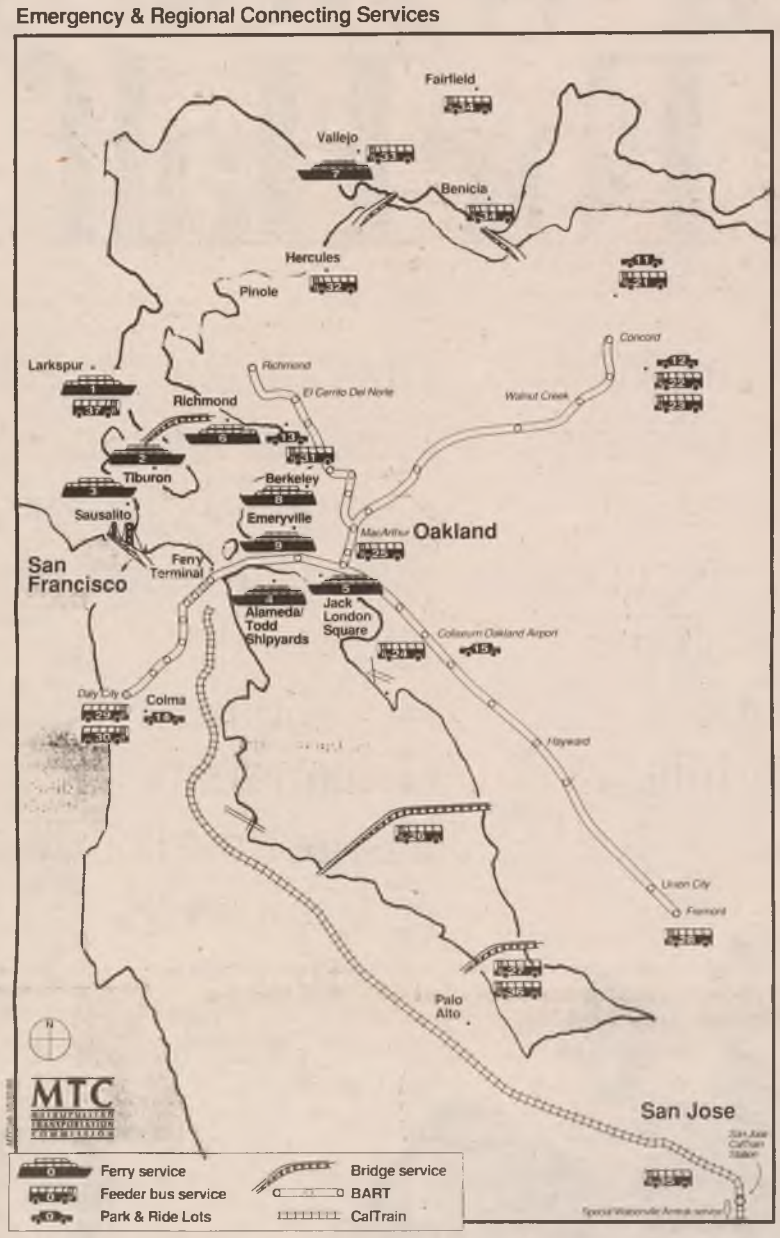
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33. Vallejo Bart Link from Central Vallejo to El Cerrito Del Norte BART
34. Benicia feeder bus to Pleasant Hill BART Benicia Transit
35. Special bus service to Scott's Valley, meeting bus to Santa Cruz
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General Equipment Repairer Leader: 627-89(GC), WL-4757-11, closes Nov. 22.

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Library Technician: 629-89(CT), GS-1411-5, closes Nov. 21.Secretary: A50-89, GS-318-4/5/6, open until filled.

For more information and job announcements call the Job Information Center at 561-5732 or visit the Civilian Personnel Directorate in building 37 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Generally, applications will be accepted only for career or career-conditional employees (or people eligible for special programs such as VRA or 30 percent disabled).

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Recovery

Project Caring relieves quake fears, anxieties

by Joel P. Smith
Commentary

I bolted upright in bed last week listening to a man scream. The shock, and some embarrassment, was no less severe when I realized it was me.

I'd yelled myself out of the rubble of a nightmare and sat in the dark remembering it.

In the dream—which has haunted me almost nightly since the Oct. 17 earthquake—I'm walking under jagged walls of skyscrapers in downtown San Francisco.

Like prison gates, they surround the open ground, penning-in the empty streets. Each time I look up the skyscrapers crowd toward me.

Suddenly the earth shifts, the towers shake and tremble, crumbling into the street where I'm alone and running, screaming until I hear myself within the dream and shock myself awake to find I'm buried only by the darkness and the fear.

I'm angry, too. Also a little ashamed of myself, but mostly tired. This is robbing me of a lot of sleep.

Talking to people, the ones who want to discuss it, I find that my nightmares shouldn't be as lonely as they seem: there are a lot of people who share that dark space with me.

Bad dreams, death dreams, are a common experience for any population that experiences a national disaster, Post Chaplain (Col.) Clyde M. Northrup, tells me.

Almost as common as the stress, Northrop says, is the taboo against admitting you feel it.

"We've been culturally conditioned that it's all right for a woman to seek help for psychological problems, but not men," he explains.

"That's counterproductive," adds Northrop.



Quakes can cause more than physical damage.

"If you're experiencing stress, whether it's a friend, a neighbor, or a professional, you should talk to someone about it.

Northrup also says, "[Occasionally] you'll find out you're not alone in your fears."

In fact, chaplains on post, psychiatrists from Letterman Army Medical Center; and the LAMC Department of Nursing set up several group counseling sessions to give Presidians a chance to share their feelings about the quake.

Project Caring puts Presidians in a communal setting, with chaplains and psychiatrists donating time as counselors.

"We wanted people to know they weren't just being left to exist on their own," explains Chaplain (Maj.) John S. Parker.

Parker, a LAMC chaplain, said group sessions "give people the opportunity to learn, through others' experience, how to cope with tragedy."

I went to a recent session—seven adults and seven children—at the Youth Activities Center.

Watching the participants, I had to wonder which is more stressful: facing death, or admitting you can be frightened by death.

Hiding your fears doesn't help—people who've sat in on Project Caring discover that. Hiding your fears only creates a false atmosphere of invulnerability and forces you to face your problems alone.

A big step in relieving the stress is realizing no one is invulnerable when it comes to an earthquake. Northrop, in explanation, notes that usually when we're threatened, we have a choice: "fight or flight."

But an earthquake doesn't bow to adrenaline, he says. "You can't fight it and generally there's not enough time to run from it," explains Northrup.

Perhaps the best way to work through your fears is to talk about them. The doctors, nurses and chaplains in Project Caring are here to be more than a friend; they can offer professional advice on how to cope with the stress most people are feeling these days.

LAMC Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John S. Parker would agree.

Parker, a chaplain with Project Caring, would agree. "Helping others is part of being a professional, whether you're a soldier, a chaplain, a psychiatrist—whatever.

"We're not just in this for God and Country, but also because we care about people."

Workers restore historic wrought iron chapel gates

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

They looked more rotten than wrought iron. When workers at the Directorate of Logistics were asked to restore a rusty, mangled set of wrought iron gates, they thought the project was hopeless.

"I thought it was a joke," said Samad A. Gooby, a mobile metal mechanic at the DOL Vehicle Repair Shop on post.

His shop, and the DOL General Support Shop, had inherited the three-piece set of gates after they'd been run over by a truck and out in the rain. Many pieces of the design were broken away.

Gooby, who spent three days sandblasting rust from the mangled metal, said, "They looked like they'd been hauled up from the ocean. They were that bad."

The gates had decorated the Post Chapel from the mid-1960s to 1986. According to Letterman Army Medical Center Chaplain (Col.) Jerry D. Autry, they were removed in 1986 as part of a historic restoration project.

Eighteen-feet wide and reaching to 11-feet high, the gates carry a cross, the Star of David, and a question mark denoting agnosticism, said Autry. They were slightly out of historic stride, he said, with the chapel, built in 1931.

Autry said the gates also were removed to accommodate a bigger stage for the musical production "Godspell," appearing at the chapel that spring.

Garrison Commander Col. William D. Swift asked DOL to take on the repair job.

The maintenance and repair shop staff thought they were being asked to perform a miracle.

"I was pretty leery of it," said Maurice T. Borden, a painter at DOL.

"In the middle of the job, though, I got pretty enthused because I knew it was going to turn out well."



DOL's Raymond Hernandez examines the finish on the restored wrought-iron gates.

Borden spent two weeks painting the intricate pattern of iron, eventually giving up his breaks and lunch hours to prevent the paint from drying improperly between coats.

Project foreman Willie Kirk said he talked to several repairmen in the shop before he thought the restoration was even possible. He also noted that the job—eventually—was attractive because of its uniqueness.

"The gates carry the symbol of Christ," he said, "and anything I can do for the church I feel is important."

The project took 183 hours of labor, and cost about $4,250, Kirk said. Work began Aug. 2 this year and was completed Oct. 5.

Post Chaplain (Col.) Clyde M. Northrop said he's amazed at the quality of the restoration.

"I can't believe the marvelous job the workmen did with them," said Northrop. "The quality of the work is near artistic."

Duty Calls

Dan Rather praises all-volunteer forces

by Dan Rather, CBS News

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Not long ago, after President George Bush announced that he would send a combat brigade into Panama to protect Americans stationed there, one of the soldiers on his way was interviewed by a reporter. During that interview, the soldier mentioned that he would miss his sister's wedding, for which he was real sorry. But, he said, his commander-in-chief had given an order to move out, so he was moving out. "That's what they pay me for," he said with a smile.

On the face of it, that soldier didn't say much. He'll miss a wedding. Sorry, Sis, but orders are orders.

However, underneath, the sense of professionalism of duty, of morale, and of, yes, patriotism was unmistakable. And it struck one reporter that with all the negative stories we've done about procurement scandals, revolving door deals at the Pentagon, and shoddy overpriced weapons systems, we sometimes forget that the military personnel, the rank-and-file men and women—most of them young—who serve in our armed forces are among the best in the world.

Forget for a moment that the M-1 tank would probably run out of gas before it ever reached any battlefield, or that the Stealth bomber is way overbudget. Forget that Congress regularly forces the Pentagon to buy weapons it doesn't want, while the Pentagon regularly overstates to the Congress how much money it needs for the ones it does want.

Try instead, for just a few moments here, to imagine the skill needed to move an armored battalion at night through unfamiliar terrain, or the discipline needed to perform flawlessly for months at a time underwater in the cramped confines of a nuclear submarine.

Or, finally, imagine the courage it takes to fly an F-16A jet fighter, or its equivalent, in tight formations at speeds the rest of us can't even comprehend, and then land the thing on a floating postage stamp of an aircraft carrier.

There are military personnel who perform all of those tasks, and they perform them well. They are, for the most part, highly motivated, well-trained, and fiercely proud of the job they do and the country they do it for.

Sure, they make mistakes, as the Iranian Airbus episode and the USS Stark disaster recently demonstrated. But when you consider the highly-charged and extremely dangerous atmosphere our military personnel regularly work in, it's amazing, isn't it, how infrequent the mistakes are.

Or perhaps it isn't amazing. To join today's Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines, you have to volunteer. No one forces you to hitch up. You must want to do it. And let's face it, nobody is in it for the money. Not the sheer money, anyway. Military pay and benefits wouldn't get an intern at even the smallest law firm out of his chair and down to the local recruitment office.

The point is, wanting to serve your country and doing a job for the sheer challenge tends to produce workers of high morale and motivation. Those kind of people tend to make fewer mistakes, regardless of the circumstances.

Granted, many of those who join the military have no intention of staying forever. They join to take advantage of the free training they get, which they know will come in handy when they move on to the private sector later. But there's nothing wrong with that. That's good thinking on their part.

It's not for nothing that the private sector now welcomes most veterans with open arms. Employers have started to know what a good deal they're getting.

If some members of Congress and the Pentagon I can think of were as tough, motivated, and proud of what they do as your average soldier, sailor, or airman, the budget deficit would probably disappear. It would at least be reduced. And then maybe we could do something about improving the military pay and benefits.





Heroes continued from page 1

Capt. Stephen M. Parke, LAMC's Center Judge Advocate, received an Army Commendation Medal, one of 10 awarded Friday. Other military awardees included 62 soldiers who were given Army Achievement Medals.

When the quake hit, Parke was traveling south on Interstate 880's Nimitz Freeway, on his way to his Alameda home. After a rumble and a violent shake, the "Cypress Section" collapsed 150 feet in front of him.

Along with highway patrol officers and emergency crewmembers he searched the rubble for survivors. For five hours the LAMC soldier helped free several trapped motorists, giving them first aid.

"People needed help and I helped them," Parke said, shrugging off the title of hero. "It's nice to be recognized, but I didn't do it to be recognized."

He added that he appreciated Agnos' presence at the ceremony and the mayor's recognition "for all the Army has done to help out."

Another post volunteer, Sugar Zaucha, was one of 22 civilians who received a DA Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for her work with Army Community Service. In addition, 18 DA civilians each received a Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

"The recognition by the Army felt good. But I'm not one who likes the limelight," admitted Zaucha, who has distributed, rain or shine, 10 post "Earthquake Bulletins" to family housing members.

"There were even kids who helped pass out the bulletins during a rainstorm a couple of days after the quake," Zaucha explained. "They should be recognized in some way, too."

Both Zaucha and Bennett, like Parke, said they don't consider themselves heroes. "Anyone who had the extra time could have done what I did," Zaucha said. "Since my home and family were OK [after the quake], I put extra effort into my duties at ACS."

Assisting with the awards presentation were Brig. Gen. Leslie H. Burger, LAMC's commander, Brig. Gen. John F. Sobke, Corps of Engineer Division commander, South Pacific, and Brig. Gen. George M. Baxter, Sixth U.S. Army's Chief of Staff.

Said awardee Bennett, "I thought the ceremony was very nice. I was pleased that the mayor came to post. I also saw a lot of people [in the ceremony] I know who helped with the quake relief. I was glad to see them get noticed."

Post-wide radon testing begins Monday

by the Directorate of Engineering and Housing staff

The Army is starting a nationwide program to identify housing units with high concentrations of radon gas. Testing on post will begin Monday and will continue through March 1990. Wherry housing—1500 area—will be tested first.

What is radon? Radon is a radioactive gas which occurs in nature. Radon gas cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted.

Where does radon come from? Radon gas is produced by the natural breakdown (radioactive decay)—of uranium. Radon can be found in soils and rocks containing uranium, granite, shale, phosphate, and pitchblende.

In outdoor air, radon gas is diluted to extremely low concentrations which pose no health risk. However, radon gas can accumulate at higher concentrations in interior spaces. These concentrations will depend on the building's construction and underlying geological conditions. Interior radon gas became a recent health concern with the advent of energy efficient construction.

How does radon accumulate inside a house? Radon gas moves through small spaces in soil and rock on which a house is built. Radon gas can seep into the house through dirt floors, cracks in concrete floors and walls, floor drains, sumps and joints.

Does every house have a problem? Most houses will not have a radon problem, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area where geological conditions preclude the occurance of radon gas. However, the Army is embarking on a nationwide testing program to identify and correct specific problem areas.

How does radon affect me? The only known health effect associated with exposure to radon gas is an increased risk of developing lung cancer. Not everyone exposed to elevated levels of radon gas will develop lung cancer, and the period between exposure and cancer symptoms may be many years. In general, your risk increases as the concentration of radon gas and length of exposure increases.

Locally which houses will be tested? The Army will be testing every housing unit on the Presidio, Fort Mason, Fort Barry, Fort Baker and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. The exceptions will be those quarters located on the second floor or above multi-story buildings since radon gas settles in the lowest floor area.

Testing will start Monday and extend through March 1990. This time was chosen because doors and windows are kept closed and higher levels of radon gas will accumulate.

How is radon detected? Since radon gas cannot be readily identified, special equipment is needed to detect it.

The Army will use a detector which must be installed in the lowest livable area of the house. The detector will be exposed to the air for 90 days, retrieved, and sent ot a laboratory for analysis. The detector contains a plastic strip which is sensitive to alpha particles, a product of the radioactive decay process. When the strip is immersed in an etching solution at the laboratory, the average radon concentration can be calculated.

Will I be told the test results? The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that radon gas in concentration of four picoCuries per liter of air (4pCi/1) or lower *does not* pose a significant health risk. Concentrations in excess of 4 pCi/1 will require some degree of mitigation, depending on the specific test result, to reduce the radon levels.

The test results will be available within two months after the 90-day test period.

You will be notified directly if the test result for your house is above the EPA standard of 4 pCi/1. All other results will be available either through Family Housing or the Environmental office.

Food basket program helps needy Presidio families

by Erica Haspiel-Szlosek

With the publicity surrounding the aftermath of the Oct. 17 earthquake, Bay Area residents have become increasingly aware of how many people go hungry each day. Donations to Red Cross in the form of money and food have poured in from people who were fortunate enough to have come through the quake relatively unharmed.

Not everyone who needs a helping hand however, is an earthquake victim.

Some Presidio soldiers living in the expensive Bay Area have found that simple belt-tightening isn't always enough.



photo by Steve Morey

Volunteers Helen Irvine (foreground) and Jane O'Donovan package potatoes for the Food Basket Program.

Hundreds of junior enlisted soldiers with families have asked for—and received—help in the form of a weekly food basket bought with money donated from the Presidio Thrift Shop since the program began in 1986. According to the Food Basket Program Coordinator, Nancy Urban, these soldiers have discovered an Army paycheck just isn't enough when trying to juggle rent payments, commute costs and feeding a large family.

To help these soldiers make ends meet, Urban and a core of volunteers from the post chapel put together weekly baskets containing milk, eggs, bread, fruit, vegetables and staples for distribution.

Community support

The scope of community support is what most impressed Urban.

"When I took over the Food Basket Program last March, I was very impressed by the breadth of community support, both by the civilians and military."

According to Urban, the commissary regularly donates produce and canned goods which have slight cosmetic damage but are still nutritious.

Community support also takes the form of financial contributions. The post chapel recently gave money to the Food Basket Program, which Urban said will allow her to meet rising food costs and include extras such as meat and cheese in the weekly food baskets.

Other contributors donate their time. Thrift Shop board members—representatives from organizations all over the post—take turns shopping each week for food basket items. Law Enforcement Company soldiers spend time each week to load and unload a van—which they also provide—at the distribution point. Headquarters Command Battalion also has donated soldiers' time and equipment to the program.

One former food basket recipient, who asked not to be identified, said she wished everyone who could support the program would.

"One can of food may not seem like a lot to someone, but it could make all the difference to someone else."

This woman originally signed up to receive food to help support her three children—two of whom are infants and needed expensive diapers and wipes.

"I didn't want to have to sweat when I went to the commissary wondering if I had enough money to get through the next two weeks. The food basket program meant that every Tuesday we knew we'd have milk and eggs [in addition to the other food basket items].

"I'll always remember that [the program] made it possible to give my two-year-old son crackers. his favorite food. It pulled us through."

Now that this woman has a part-time job she has left the food distribution program claiming she wants to make sure another needy family can take her place. To show her appreciation she's become involved in helping Urban publicize the holiday food drive.

Food drive

Urban is asking Presidians to donate canned goods Monday through Nov. 18 to help the food basket program meet the needs of the busy holiday season. Boxes for donations will be set up in the third floor lobby of Letterman Army Medical Center and at the ID desk at the commissary. Army Community Service staff in building 914 also will accept donations. On Nov. 18, Presidio scouts will go door-to-door collecting cans in the housing areas. Urban reports the items most needed are canned fruits and vegetables, soup, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans and baby formula.

What if you, or someone you know, could benefit from the Hands Across the Presidio food basket program? Urban encourages soldiers to talk to their first sergeants, Army Community Service's Erick Davis, social workers or post chaplains to be referred to the program. If you are interested in becoming a food basket volunteer, call the Thrift Shop at **922-3384** and leave a message for Urban.



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Sports

Series finale 'shot in the arm' for Bay Area

by "Slap"Morey
Commentary



"The Oakland A's Sweep he Series," read the local headlines. However, on Oct. 17, Baysball 1989" and "Battle by the Bay" quickly turned into the "Quake Series," and people were asking, "Will it ever be played?"

Humanity nearly outscored baseball history.

For 15 seconds, the earth shook its mighty fist in the Bay Area, killing many people and upsetting buildings and roads. We'll all mourn the tragic loss of lives and homes for weeks, months, even years to come.

But, in my mind and heart, the playing of the 1989 World Series was a shot in the proverbial Bay Area arm. Although not all-healing, the 10-day delay and eventual sweep by the A's over the Giants helped to ease some tense and troubled souls—not just baseball fans, either.

Some say it was fortunate for the Oakland team to take it in four straight. I agree. They hit the home runs, made the catches and scored the runs. It's history. A brief, but unforgettable, part of baseball lore.

From the sports fan's angle, the completion of the '89 Series answered many questions which would have remained uncertain had the Series been cancelled. Who won? Do you count the previous two games and the accumulated statistics? Is it a "tie?" And who's the most valuable player?

In 1967, I remember when Detroit was rocked by a man-made disaster, the "race riots" during the sweltering summer. The Detroit Tigers were one game from going to the World Series vs. the St. Louis Cardinals, but were beat by the Boston Red Sox in the season's last game.

What would have happened if Detroit made it to the Series and the games went on as scheduled? Would baseball have magically brought blacks and whites together? Let bygones be bygones?

Hardly. However, one year later the Tigers did go to the Series, winning in a dramatic, come-from-behind seven games vs. the Cardinals. The city and its people, including a pint-sized, 7-year-old "Slap," were proud of their ballclub—and we never looked better on national TV.

Who would've known one year earlier the town nearly burned to the ground from fires and angry words slung across the color barrier. In a way, the 1968 World Series brought Tiger fans, and the city, together for a brief two-week period. It took a year, but it happened.

Think about it for a minute. After the Oct. 17 shaker, did the Bay Area cancel each and every sporting and social event for the rest of the year? Not quite. People needed some releases, somewhere to go that's "normal" as opposed to helping 18 hours a day in the Marina District, or working 12-hour shifts repairing the damaged Bay Bridge and I-880 structures.

I'm not saying let's forget about the thousands of quake victims; rather, let's move on slowly and keep the memory of those people in our hearts.

Some "experts" at the time said the 1968 World Series may have prevented a repeat of the 1967 riots, or worse. If time doesn't heal all wounds, at least it lessens the pain.



Flag football season under way

The earthquake also postponed the post's Intramural Flag Football Season. However, once the troops returned to the more "normal" work schedule, the games began Nov. 1.

Just like the city's sports teams, including the San Francisco 49'ers and the Golden State Warriors, the post's athletes needed to get back into the swing of things. Roughing it up on the gridiron might be the best medicine for the league's seven teams.

The first week of action featured four games, including three shutouts. Headquarters Company, USAG, squeaked by LAIR, 9-7, while Co. B, LAMC trounced Law Enforcement Company, 16-0.

In the other games, Co. B, LAMC posted another shutout, this time 18-0 over Co. C, 864th Engineers; and the Corps of Engineers won by forfeit, 6-0, over defending champs, Co. A, LAMC.

Games are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on the Fort Scott field in front of buildings 1207 and 1208. The upcoming schedule of games is listed below. Grab a blanket (or two!), fill up the thermos with coffee or hot chocolate and come out in support of your favorite team!

1989 Intramual Flag Football League Schedule

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. USAG vs. LEC
6:30 p.m. 864th Engineers vs. LAIR
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Co. B, LAMC vs. LAIR
6:30 p.m. Corps of Engineers vs. LEC
Nov. 16 5:30 p.m. USAG vs. 864th Engineers
6:30 p.m. Co. A, LAMC vs. LAIR
Nov. 21 5:30 p.m. Co. B, LAMC vs. USAG
6:30 p.m. Corps of Engineers vs. 864th Engineers
Nov. 22 5:30 p.m. LEC vs. 864th Engineers
6:30 p.m. Corps of Engineers vs. Co. B, LAMC
Nov. 28 5:30 p.m. Co. A, LAMC vs. USAG

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Community Calendar

Blood drive

The next Presidio blood drive is Nov. 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the NCO Club Green Room. Call the Family Support Division for an appointment at **561-3701** or **561-5730.**

If groups of 20 or more are unable to make one of these dates due to schedule conflicts, call **561-3701** to arrange for a Blood Mobile to come to you.

Red Cross donations

Presidians who wish to donate to the displaced people being housed on post may bring non-perishable food and clothing to the trailer behind building 1203. There are many children, including a two-week-old infant, who could use clothing and toys. Stop by the distribution trailer to find out what items are critically needed that day.

Black and White Ball

A Gala Black and White Ball will be held at the Presidio Officers Club Saturday, Veterans Day. The festivities will begin with a no host cocktail hour followed by dinner in the grand ballroom. At 9 p.m. party goers will dance to the music of John Cordoni's 14-piece band playing the tunes of Glenn Miller, Guy Lombardo, the Dorsey Brothers and others from the big band era. The band will feature tango, cha cha, rhumbas, as well as contempory tunes. The cost is $20 a person for members and their guests; $22 a person for non-members and guests. Reservations are required, they can be made at the Officers' Club.

Leave donation request

Lula Bosley, a long time Presidian employee, has recently undergone major surgery and is currently receiving chemotherapy. She has exhausted her sick leave and annual leave and has asked to become a leave recipient. Anyone wishing to donate leave please call Teri Allred, Management-Employee Relations Divisions **561-2255** or **561-2256.**

Education Fair

The Presidio joins Army posts around the world in celebrating American Education Week, Sunday through Nov. 17.



photo by Duvel White

'Mommy look, goblins!'

Eighteen-month-old Keith Landals, one of nearly 100 children to visit the Religious Activities Center's Halloween Carnival Oct. 31, spots an interesting fellow trick or treater. The carnival was planned and operated by the Presidio Youth Group to give Presidio families an alternative to the traditional house-to-house Halloween candy harvest.

The post education centers are sponsoring an education fair on Nov. 17.

The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216.

The Computer Center will give Presidians a chance to see software tutorials in operating systems, word processing, database and spreadsheet applications.

Representives from 15 Bay Area colleges and universities will be on hand to tell people about their certificate and degree (undergraduate and graduate) programs which are of special interest to working adults. A Veteran's Administration representative will be able to explain veterans education benefits. Education counselors will provide information on college credit for MOS/service schools and CLEP tests; grants and scholarships; and external degree programs.

POWC update

On Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Officers' Club, POWC will sponsor a jewelry company from Bangkok, Thailand. All Presidians are invited to view or buy their work, which will include gold, silver and brass jewelry.

ITT news

Join ITT on a Napa wine tasting trip. ITT will visit three different wineries on Nov. 18. The cost for transportation is $10. Bring a picnic lunch or eat at a Napa cafe.

ITT has San Francisco Nutcracker Suite Ballet tickets for sale. The cost is $22 (orchestra seating) for the Dec. 14 evening performance.

If there is a special event coming up that you would like ITT to try and get tickets for, give them a call two months in advance of the performance. ITT will need all the information, and *will* try and get special tickets for the Presidio.

ITT is located in building 215 across from the bank. Call **561-3992** for information.

Great American Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout on the Presidio will be Nov. 16. The annual event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is designed to encourage smokers to give up their habit for just that one day.

One thousand smokeout kits will be distributed to Presidians by the Health Promotion Committee.

Non-smokers can participate too by joining the "Adopt a Smoker" plan. Under the plan non-smokers adopt a friend of family member who smokes and provides morale support throughout the day.

For information, call the post Fit to Win Coordinator, Bob Darling, at **561-4120, 561-4131,** or Julio Sosa at **561-2528.**

Open house

Last month's earthquake canceled the Enlisted Spouses Club's open house. Barring any further natural (or unnatural disasters), the open house will be held Nov. 18 at Outdoor Recreation, building 667 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All enlisted spouses are welcome to attend. You will have a chance to meet club members, find out about their community work and be treated to refreshments. Call Vini Kahao for information at **923-1265.**

Pool closes

The post swimming pool will be closed Monday through Nov. 17 to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to take cement samples of the concrete pool bottom. The pool will reopen Nov. 18, at noon.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Nov. 9: Kickboxer (R), 7 p.m. Jean Claude Van Damme, Dennis Alexio. An American athlete vows revenge upon the vicious Thai fighter who paralyzes his brother during a kickboxing championship.

Fri, Nov. 10: Kickboxer (R), 7 p.m.

Sat, Nov. 11: Eddie and the Cruisers II (PG-13), 7 p.m. Sun, Nov. 12: Johnny Handsome (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Nov. 13: Johnny Handsome (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Nov. 14: Do The Right Thing (R), 7 p.m. Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis. A spirited film that socks across a strong message about human nature and relationships within a racially mixed Brooklyn neighborhood.

Wed, Nov. 15: Do The Right Thing (R), 7 p.m.

Thu, Nov. 16: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m. Harrison Ford, Sean Connery. Indiana Jones returns to battle evil Nazis in a search for the Holy Grail with his crafty father.

Fri, Nov. 17: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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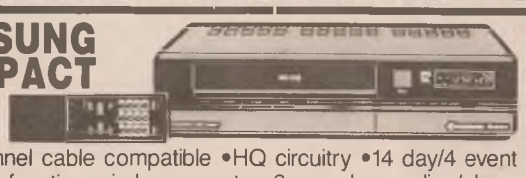
Fri, Nov. 10: Troop Beverly Hills (PG)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Nov. 11: Stagecoach (G)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, Nov. 11: Cyborg (R)	**7 p.m.**

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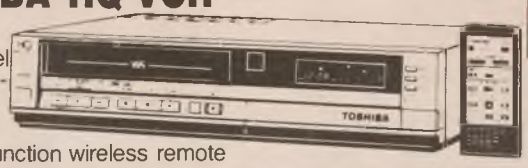
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News Briefs

Military family conference

The annual military family conference will be held on post at the Officers' Club, Monday. All Presidians, military, civilian, and family members, are invited to attend. Workshops will focus on topics such as child abuse prevention, meeting the needs of single soldier parents, and identifying the needs of military families.

Army Community Service staff in building 914 will accept your $35 registration fee through tomorrow. Checks must be payable to First Hospital Vallejo.

Social Security

A new law requires children 2 years and older, have a Social Security number in order to be claimed as an exemption on 1989 income tax returns. Failure to obtain and use the Social Security number could result in a penalty, and the IRS could disallow the exemption you claim for your child.

As part of Army Family Week, the Staff Judge Advocate Office will help Presidians, military and civilian, obtain Social Security numbers for their children. The Social Security Administration will be processing applications at building 223 tomorrow. Stop by the SJA to schedule an appointment and to pick up an application.

SJA Office closed

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, building 223, will be closed tomorrow for CPR training. Only Presidians with appointments for Social Security numbers will be able to use SJA services.

Pretransition briefing

All soldiers honorably separating (not retiring) from the Army through February are required to attend the pretransition briefing Tuesday at the Presidio Audio/Visual Center, building 603, from 8 a.m. to noon. Spouses and commanders are welcome to attend.

Topics including veterans benefits and employment assistance will be covered. They are designed to help make the transition to civilian life easier. If you are separating within the next 120 days or will be taking transition leave before separation, this briefing is **mandatory**. For more information, call Military Personnel Operations at **561-2151**, or **561-3297**.

Commissary closes

The Commissary will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving Day.



Sgt. Sylvia D. Gill, with the Golden Gate Reserve Center, holds clothing donations to the homeless.

Soldiers shelter homeless

story and photo by Joel P. Smith

Soldiers at the Golden Gate Reserve Center on post are facing homelessness.

Each day, the soldiers live alongside 150 refugees of the Oct. 17 earthquake here. The homeless were moved here after their downtown shelter, the Moscone Convention Center, closed Oct. 20.

Army cots fill abandoned offices and spill into the hallways at the center, stacking up under stairwells. Homeless children wander the building.

"I can't leave them behind anymore," says SFC Pauline M. Bates, finance NCO at the center.

"Before, I could just walk away from the homeless," Bates explains. "Now, I live with them every day."

According to the Red Cross, many of the refugees were homeless before the quake. So soldiers know many of the old, the sick, and the children, will find themselves on the streets again.

SSgt. Gregory Filips, an air traffic controller training with the unit, has a tough time swallowing that.

Nightly, Filips tucks Christina, a 6-year-old homeless girl with long double braids and a gap-tooth smile, into a rickety Army cot. But he doesn't leave her there; he carries her home in his worries.

"I don't know where she'll go," Filips laments. "I don't know what's going to happen to her. She's oblivious that this is a disaster," he says.

"She's just happy that all these people are together."

Moving from office to office, he meets her in the halls. She takes his hand. If he keeps walking, he has an escort. If he sits down, she crawls into his lap.

He worries that he plays with her too much and neglects his duties.

"Don't let this get to my commander," he says in a confidential tone, "but we've been playing cards a lot."

He's teaching her poker. "I'm vying for her pony tails," Filips admits.

Kenneth E. Raymer, one of the homeless persons at the center says of Filips, "He's been great—very supportive. You can see he really cares about people. He walks down the hall asking people, 'How ya doin'? How's things goin'? Are you getting it together?'"

Raymer, who says he medically retired from the Army after wounds incurred in Vietnam, says, "He [Filips] loves kids. You can see that right away."

Filips is not the only soldier slipping soft-footed past his emotions. The Red Cross, which is responsible for feeding and caring for the refugees, runs a kitchen at the center. Filips says a few days ago he caught the unit commander, Col. John T. Crowe, sneaking peanut butter and jelly into the kitchen.

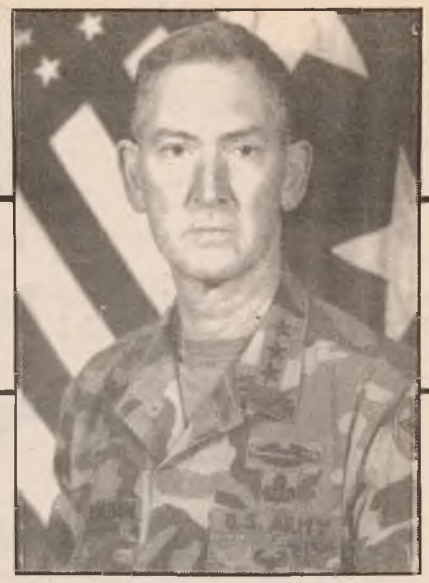
"He walked by with a big bag on his arm, in a hurry," Filips explains. Filips says he looked in the bag and said, "Gee, sir, where'd all this come from?"

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Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



This week on post

It's been another great week at the Presidio of San Francisco. I hope all of you had a great week—enjoyed your Veterans Day holiday—some well deserved time off—and are all back safe and sound. And for all of you who gave speeches, manned static displays or otherwise participated in Veterans Day—my thanks.

I went south to the desert and the George S. Patton Memorial Museum. This is a new museum just dedicated last year. This year, in addition to observing Veterans Day, they also awarded the first annual Patton Award to General Jimmy Doolittle—the hero of the Tokyo bombing in 1942. I was invited to speak and used the opportunity to bring along with me part of today's modern Total Army—SSgt. Joel Jacobs. He shared the speaking chores and did a SUPER job. Sergeant Jacobs is Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger qualified, served in the Active Army and is now a USAR soldier/instructor at the Sixth U.S. Army NCO Academy at Camp Parks. He is the epitome of our future NCO leader—a real Hoo Ah trooper.

Today is this year's Great American Smokeout. I hope each of you—smoker and non-smoker—will join in this proven activity to help make our Army smoke-free.

Thursday, the 9th, saw a change of command in our Law Enforcement Company. Captain Joe F. Sweeney relinquished command to 1st Lt. Mary C. Horvath. Our thanks to Captain Sweeney for all his support and our best wishes to Lt. Horvath as she assumes the great honor and responsibility of commanding U.S. Army soldiers.

On Monday the 6th I visited our Army Education Center at Fort Scott. We have one of the best equipped, most dedicated staffs I have ever seen. If any of you have not taken advantage of this fine facility, you have a real opportunity coming up soon. Tomorrow, the Education Center will sponsor an Education Fair from 11 a.m, to 2:30 p.m. at the Center, building 1216, Fort Scott. To find out more about this Education Fair, visit the Center or call **561-2974** or **561-4445**. See ya there—I hope!

Stories of our Heroes of '89 keep coming to light. There are so many of you out there who performed so beautifully and caringly—I can never thank you each individually. I hope you will each take strength and pride in what you did and know that although we may never know specifically of your act or be able to thank you personally—your love, your concern, your involvement was, is, and always will be appreciated.

Finally, this week I want to assure you all that the Garrison and Sixth Army staffs will continue to work to maintain and improve the quality of life of all our soldiers, family members, civilian employees, volunteers, and retirees for as long as we're here. Although our mission is to prepare the plan for the eventual closure of the Presidio as a U.S. Army military installation, until that day, which is some years in the future, arrives our mission remains the same—to train soldiers for war, to care for our military families—active, reserve and retired—to insure the welfare of our civilian workforce and to take care of the Presidio of San Francisco—a very special place!

God Bless each and every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky They are people who say: This is ny community, and it's my responsiblity to make it better."

—Tom McCall
Former Governor of Oregon

Ramblin' Sam

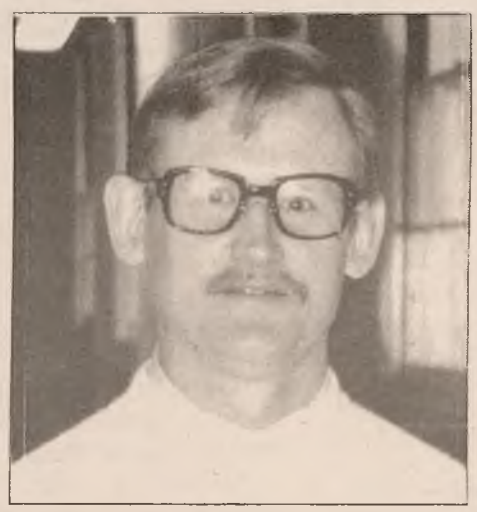
"Next week is Army Family Week. What's the best and worst thing about being an Army family?"



Kimberly Lewis, personnel assistant, Civilian Personnel Directorate: "My husband is a recruiter and it's terrible. He's working all the time. The good part is all the benefits—shopping at the PX and Commissary and using the hospital."



Sgt. Richard Boddie, squad leader, Ceremonial Platoon: "The best thing, of course, is that if you have the time to be together on the holidays it makes it especially nice. The worst thing is if you have to have to go to the field or go on duty during a holiday and your family has to spend that time without you."



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rick Wiedman, 91st Division (Training): "The good and the bad are the flip side of the coin—the travel opportunities. People save for a lifetime to go to places that I've lived in for years. The bad thing, I suppose, is you move a lot. But I'm not so sure that's a bad thing."



Maj. Ron Benton, executive officer, Headquarters Command Battalion: "The good part is you have a sense of pride, being associated with the Army and the Army definitely does take care of its own. You know wherever you go, you run into people who have the same goals and the same interests in life. The bad part is when you leave, you leave a lot of good friends behind."

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Army families have it made

by Pleasant Lindsey III
Commentary

Army Family Week is just around the corner and I was thinking about the way families interact at the Presidio.

Usually we think of individual families when we observe this occasion, but it occured to me that collectively we make one big family.

How many of you realize how fortunate you are to be a member of the Army community—the Army "family?"

Sure, you've heard it all before—". . . we've got this service, and we've got these facilities, blah blah blah . . ." But, I'd like to present a different point of view.

Let's not think in terms of services or facilities. Rather, let's think in terms of "community"—one big family.

You see, I was head of the household *before* I joined the Army. I know first hand what it's like to make sure the gas and electric bills are paid, food is on the table and the budget remains realistic. Oh I know, I know, some soldiers are living on the economy now, but here's the catch—soldiers **aren't forced** to live on the economy at the Presidio. Sooner or later housing becomes available for families. Recent events have shown us that civilians can't expect such readily available services.

I guess what I'm trying to say is you're ahead of the game of survival when you're an Army family. But, like I said, you've heard all that before.

I grew up in a middle class neighborhood in St. Louis where most of the neighbors knew one another, went to picnics and ball games together, and generally developed a sense of community. My wife and I have also lived in neighborhoods where you wouldn't let your child out of your sight *(much less visit one of the neighbors).*

This brings out the major difference between Army families and civilian families—values we live by.

While no community is immune to crime, its especially nice to know your child is in good hands when she visits one of the neighbors.

My daughter can interact with other children in the neighborhood without me worrying about the neighborhood without me worrying about the values the other child is taught. We in the Army are always reminded that we should carry the highest moral standards in our daily lives. Our standards are reflected in our children.

As families we have a common interaction in our neighborhoods that isn't found everywhere.

Our children share birthday parties; as parents we share barbecues. Our children go to little league games; we go to Giants or A's games. When our children are sad or hurt they comfort one another; so do we.

We even go places together as whole families.

You see, the best part about being an Army family has nothing to do with having an inexpensive place to buy food or live in a house rent-free; it has nothing to do with inexpensive child care or community services.

An Army family lives by high moral standards and **shares those same values with the rest of the community**. In my mind this separates Army families from others—we treat each other as extended family members.

It's nice to know you can love thy neighbors and they'll love you right back.

Homeless continued from page 1

Crowe shifted around uncomfortably and, finger to his lips, marking a need for secretiveness, replied, "Just something the wife threw together."

Generosity has been the hallmark at the center. Sgt. Sylvia D. Gill brought in 40 to 50 pieces of clothing, much of it for babies.

Gill, an administration NCO at the center, says she feels that giving is a bond of friendship. "Everyone's got a friend somewhere," she says.

"These people know they've always got a friend here."

Spec. Anna M. Oakley brought in boxes of women's clothing. Oakley, administrative assistant to Crowe, hopes the homeless will believe, through the soldiers' gifts, that the world still holds something for them.

"When you don't have anything at all—like a lot of these people—you ask yourself, 'Why go on?'" Oakley says.

"We want these people to go on. We'd like to see these people come back up in the world," she explains.

Bates' 10-year-old daughter Hanna, who stopped at the center after school one day, saw the kids had no toys. She made a suggestion to mom.

The next day, Hanna and her mother hauled in Hanna's stuffed animals.

"We gave them to the Red Cross volunteers," Bates says. "We wanted the kids to enjoy them without thinking there were any strings attached," she explains.

Later, walking out of her office, Bates got a surprise. Children were playing with the animals. And adults were there alongside the children, petting their gifts.

"The way the older people were holding those stuffed animals would have broke your heart," Bates says.

"That was all they had," she explains. "You think of everything you have and wonder how they can survive without anything."

"I don't think anybody here hasn't been touched by the situation," says Crowe.

"It's a heart-rending thing to see people come here with nothing more than a nightgown on, holding their entire possessions in a suitcase no bigger than you'd give a child to go to grandmother's house."

Heather L. Johnson, who lives at the center with her 7-week-old daughter Shaunta and husband Derrick, says she's the surprised one.

"They [the soldiers] never seem to complain—even though it's their space we're living in," she explains.

"They just walk around asking us how we're doing and can they hold the baby."

Johnson says, with some irony, "They've adjusted as well as we have."

Oakley believes the close-living has made for some open-heartedness between the soldiers in her unit.

"We've opened up to one another now," she says. "We've learned to work together in unity. We feel more of a trust for one another now."

Oakley says the Reserve Center's most important contribution to the homeless has been its attitude of caring.

"Knowing that somebody cares can give you the strength to go on," Oakley explains. "We're letting them know we care."

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OB care for commuters

Extreme traffic congestion in the San Francisco Bay Area as a result of the damage caused by the Oct. 17 earthquake has made it difficult for obstetric patients. It is harder to travel to military medical facilities for routine prenatal care and delivery. In order to relieve this burden, the following interim procedures have been coordinated:

- Pregnant women eligible for medical care under the CHAMPUS program who have an expected delivery date before Jan. 1, 1990 and who live in the Treasure Island, Marin County, and San Francisco areas are authorized to obtain comprehensive OB care in CHAMPUS Reform Initiative contract hospitals in the Bay Area. Before getting care through CHAMPUS, patients must obtain a Statement of Nonavailability from the CHAMPUS Service Center at either Naval Hospital, Oakland, **430-3500**, or Letterman Army Medical Center, **561-0650**.

The following is a complete listing of the CRI contracted hospitals for OB care during this period:

U.C. San Francisco Medical Center, San Francisco; St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco; Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco; St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco; San Jose Medical Center, San Jose; and Good Samaritan Hospital, San Jose.

- Active duty personnel are not covered by the CHAMPUS program. Special arrangements for civilian prenatal care and delivery must be coordinated by the Office of Medical Affairs, Naval Hospital, Oakland. Pregnant soldiers living in the above areas should call OMA at **633-5854**.
- Pregnant family members with expected delivery dates after Jan. 1, 1990, who reside in the aforementioned areas must have their prenatal care at the OB/GYN Department at Letterman Army Medical Center.

When Bay Area traffic is back to normal, routine prenatal care and delivery will be resumed at Naval Hospital, Oakland.

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Homeless: a day in the life of James Mead

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Editor's note: Homeless persons are still being sheltered at three buildings on the Presidio. From a day's perspective, this is one homeless person's story.

Two hours before sunrise, before the others awake and part the ragged curtains, he falls to his knees and begins, "Our Father, which art in heaven. ..."

James R. Mead, one of 31 homeless persons, sheltered in building 905 since the Oct. 17 earthquake, says his favorite line in the Lord's Prayer is "give us this day our daily bread."

He says he's been prying loose the daily bread for three years now, since he left a bad marriage, a bad mortgage and a good Lincoln Continental—the last on Interstate 80, after it ran out of gas.

Mead, 42, says he stalled just outside of Albany, Calif., where he was going to his mother's house to borrow money. He'd been laid off for two months and his wife, he says, had left him, carrying his unborn child.

With only five bucks in his pocket—"How, could I afford a car?—Mead says he put his head on the steering wheel and said, "Excuse me God, but *&-! it!"

Walked away. Down the road on foot. Looked back a couple times, but kept going.

"I couldn't see the advantage of having or even not having any more," he explains. "Not with all the grief it gave me."

Mead rode into San Francisco on public transportation and started supporting himself on the Coke trade: sorting through garbage for pop cans, which he sold to recycling companies.

He ended up on post, he says, after his "welfare hotel" was damaged in the Oct. 17 earthquake.

Mead says he'd rather collect pop cans than beg, because, he thinks, it's wrong to take something without paying for it.

"If someone helps me out, I'm going to show my thanks," Mead says.

Show thanks he does. Beginning at about 6 a.m., in a marathon cleaning spree, he scours the walls and stalls of the women's latrine in the building, formerly an abandoned Army barracks.

He wipes out the washers and dryers, sweeps the common areas, and picks up cans and candy wrappers littering the floor.

Breakfast is at 8 a.m.; a Danish pastry and one white milk. Mead shares breakfast with his new wife Yelva, 41, also living at the shelter.

Yelva sits at the edge of the bed, head hung, and softly complains about her husband's constant cleaning. "I get mad at him because other people should be cleaning," she says.

"I don't mind him helping, but everybody expects him to do the whole job."

For a span of six hours, no one can be seen working except Mead. When a woman wants a locker to put clothes in, Mead drags one over to her bed, where her husband lies watching television.

When a woman needs a jar of baby food opened —she can eat nothing else after having two teeth pulled—it is Mead she comes to.

And it is Mead who empties the trash at noon. Mead who mops the floors and Mead who sweeps the stairs.

"I've got a personal vendetta against dirt," he says, laughing. "It's not my responsibility to clean the barracks, but it won't get done otherwise."

Mead's sense of responsibility prompted the Red Cross, which manages the shelter, to name him a kind of "dorm father."

"He's a damn hard worker," says Red Cross worker Cynthia Jimerson, lead shelter manager at building 905.



James Mead (r) and Ed Schreifels, mid-day shelter manager, check food inventory at building 905.

"He get's things going for us," she continues. "He's the one who gets up in the morning and gets people to make their beds and tries to get them to clean up."

Mead is not so successful today. From noon to 8 p.m., only Yelva helps him, walking by his side, picking up trash as the evening comes.

As the sun drops behind the shelter, he walks in the shadows, finding cigarette butts in the lawn. Not until dinner does he rest.

Standing in the chow line, he asks the men in the front why they're not letting the women and children eat first.

He puts it in good humor, saying, "Even when they sank the Alamo ... ummm, well, when they messed it up, the Mexicans offered to let the women and children go first."

In a voice of heavy lament, sniggering, he cries, "What happened to chivalry? *Where are the days of wine and roses?*"

Dinner is broccoli and cold fish.

It's 7:30 p.m. and Mead says he's going to take a nap and then do bed check—those not in the shelter by 10 p.m. won't be allowed back.

He says, "Just before I go to sleep, I like to think of all the good things I would love to do. I used to say I wanted a position of responsibility in a growing company."

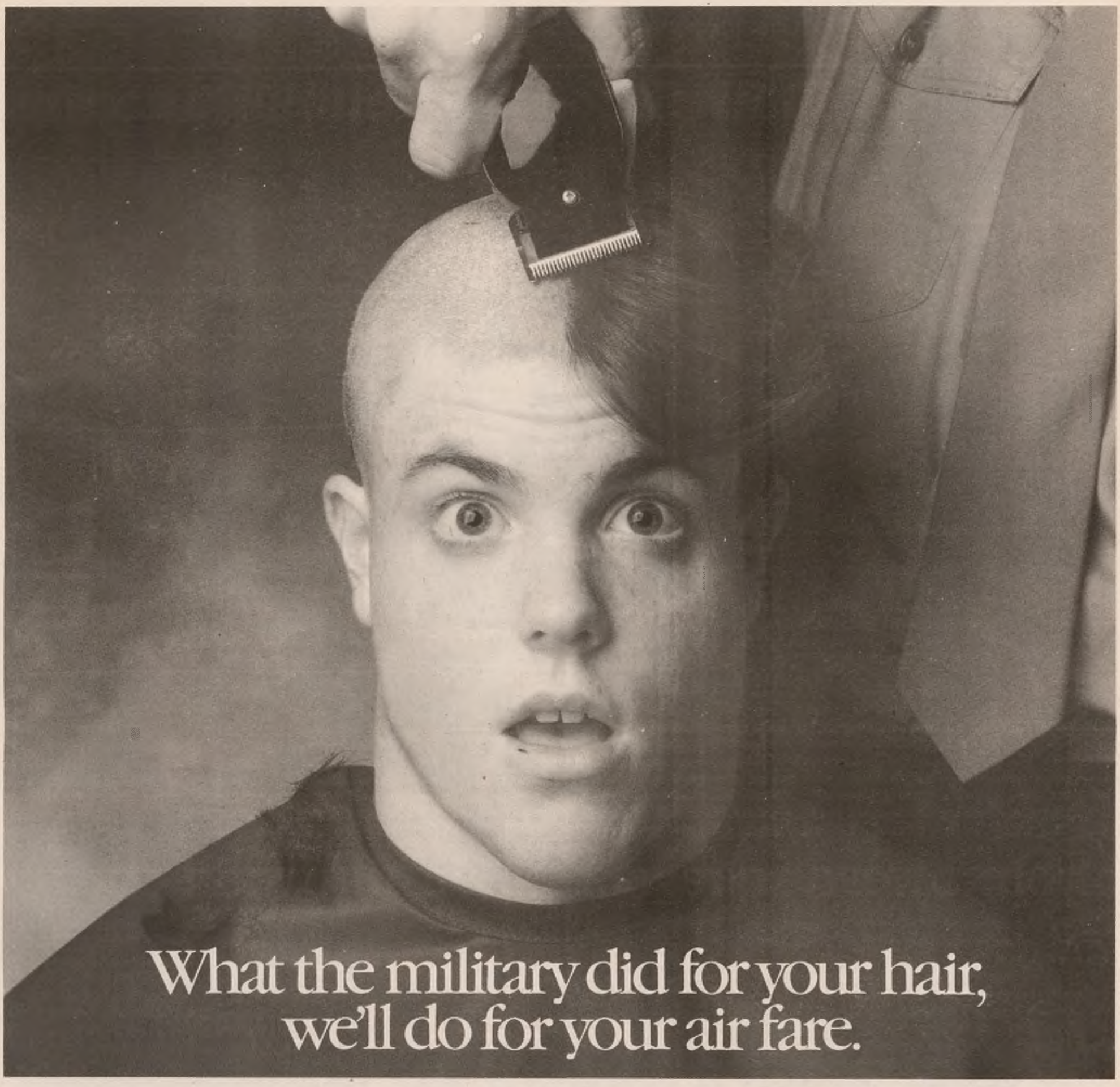
Mead says, "Now I just want a stable company. I want to be the little guy in the corner, typing.

"I know I'm headed for something good," he offers.

Outside his window, a three-quarter moon is rising.



As evening comes, Mead scours the lawn of 905 for trash.



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Winners

Hard-charging LAIR NCO earns title

story and photos by Lon Kincannon, LAIR

A Presidio soldier is the 1989 Medical Research Development Command NCO of the Year. Sgt. Gayle A. Orner, a biological sciences technician with military trauma research at Letterman Army Medical Institute of Research, won the honor.

MRDC is made up of nine research facilities throughout the world. The competition consists of a physical training test, a test about military topics, and a hands-on test about military subjects.



Sgt. Gayle A. Orner works at her lab station.

First, though, Orner had to win LAIR's 'NCO of the Quarter' competition. Then she had to compete against the *other* NCOs of the Quarter to win LAIR's NCO of the Year title. After that, it was on to Fort Detrick, Md., to compete against eight other research facility NCOs of the Year to win the overall MRDC NCO of the Year title.

In preparation for the Maryland competition, Orner could be seen carrying dozens of reference books, a worn-out Soldier's Manual and bundles of 5-by-7-inch cards covered with notes. As she walked around LAIR, impromptu quiz sessions sprang up in the hallways. Thanks to her own hard work and support from fellow soldiers, she won the honor of being named the best.

Aside from the title, Orner received an Army Commendation Medal, trophy and a $500 savings bond.

Orner's military knowledge and leadership skills should come as no surprise since she was a Distinguished Honor Graduate at the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Ord, Calif.

Since being assigned to LAIR in 1985, Orner has distinguished herself in the scientific arena as principal investigator in many toxicology studies in which she also wrote and published papers in scientific journals.

In her *free* time, Orner volunteers at the California Marine Mammal Center at Fort Cronkhite, where she helps rescue and rehabilitate sick and injured marine mammals (sea lions, etc.).



Orner removes bacteria specimens from ultra-cold storage.

She also serves as a lifeguard at tle Presidio pool. And she is a "Basic Life Support Instructor" for the American Heart Association.

No one could dispute the assertion that Orner is an NCO who has a lot of heart and caring —whether the one who needs care is man or marine mammal.

LAIR soldier sweeps world-wide honor



Spec. Walter Bennett working on a laser tracking system with miniature tanks.

story and photo by Lon Kincannon, LAIR

A "two-timing" Presidio soldier was runner-up in this year's Medical Research Development Command's Soldier of the Year competition.

Letterman Army Institute of Research's Spec. Walter Bennett served two years in the Army Reserve before graduating from college and enlisting for active duty.

As a reservist, Bennett worked as an ammunition specialist. After getting his degree in biology, he reenlisted in the Army, this time serving as a medical research technician in the Division of Ocular Hazards.

Bennett's actual work sometimes *looks* as if he's playing with toy tanks... but looks **are** deceiving. Bennett actually works on studies which involve tracking vehicles (including toy-size tanks) with lasers. He recently worked on a field study at Hamilton Army Air Field testing the "Ballistic Laser Protection Spectacle" (glasses which protect soldiers from laser eye damage).

But the runner-up for MRDC Soldier of the Year didn't dazzle the judges with lasers. Rather, it was physical training, knowledge of military topics and a hands-on test of his military knowledge. Bennett had plenty of opportunities to test his knowledge and training what with winning LAIR Soldier of the Quarter, LAIR Soldier of the Year and Presidio Soldier of the Month.

Bennett keeps physically fit partially by competing on the LAIR flag football team. According to teammates, Bennett is both an excellent offensive and defensive lineman. Clearly, Bennett is a winner both on and off the field.

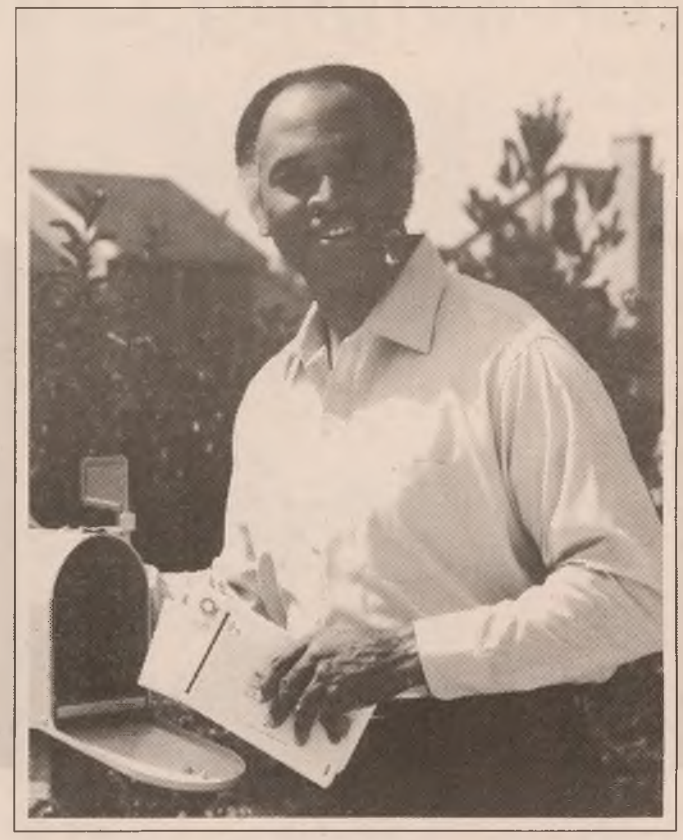
Bennett's runner-up status is a signal achievement. And with Sgt. Gayle A. Orner winning the NCO of the Year competition, it becomes clear that LAIR has **top**-quality soldiers—two LAIR soldiers nearly took the whole competition!

After only 18 months at LAIR, Bennett already has made some stellar achievements. Now he says his plans include applying for medical school.

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Sports

Slap's Lions sleep through 3 decades

by 'Slap' Morey
Commentary

**"In the jungle, the mighty jungle,
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In the jungle, the quiet jungle,
the lion sleeps tonight ...."**

—words to the "Lion Sleeps Tonight," sung by the Tokens, 1961.



It takes real men to fill football jerseys. When will the Lions hire some? photo by Steve Morey

Once in awhile—whenever the editor lets me—I exercise my veritable and voracious vocabulary to talk about my hometown sports teams. Yep, here I go again.

Most (some? a couple?) of you "Slap" Morey faithfuls know I hail from Motown, D*eeee*troit City, home of the world champion Pistons and world-class klutzes, the Lions.

A "quick" word about the Lions of the 60s, 70s and 80s—thank the Lord that there's always next year, or decade. We haven't had a championship football team named the Detroit Lions since 1957. That's four years before I was let loose on this earth!

I firmly believe a good, or great team, is a reflection of the owner(s) and management. Case in point, the San Francisco 49ers. They, too, Niner fans, struggled at times. They haven't always been the powerhouse they are now, and have been through the 80s.

They have a class organization, from the owner to the man in charge on the field. They draft wisely, for the future, and pay their athletes what they're worth.

The Lions (who, by the way, *do* sleep at night and during the day, especially on Sundays) are going nowhere fast. Who cares? The owner says he does. The general manager says he does. The players? Heck, I couldn't even tell you who's on the team, now.

And to think I used to, as a kid, memorize the roster's names, numbers and stats. I know one fact: the Lions are off my Christmas list until they change their owner and general manager.

It worked for the Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings. Yeah, I know the Tigers were kitty litter last year. But they have a manager in Sparky Anderson who has shown he means buisness. When he arrived in Motown in 1979, he promised the city a World Series in five years. In 1984, we celebrated the Tigers as champions.

With a "blank check" signed by owner, Tom Monaghan, Sparky was given nearly full control of the players he needed to achieve that championship goal.

Likewise, the Pistons and Red Wings managements followed suit and produced consistently winning teams through the 80s. Ten to 15 years ago, I never pictured either the Detroit basketball or hockey franchises to amount to much at all.

Heading into the 90s, I have hope in my heart that the Pistons and Red Wings will each produce a world champion in their respective sports. The Tigers *will* too, provided they start rebuilding their farm system now.

But as we edge closer to the century's final decade, I can't forsee the Lions reaching the heights of, say, the Tampa Bay Bucaneers, let alone the 49ers.

Yes, the Lion does sleep tonight. Have you ever heard the story about Rip Van Winkle?

See ya next century.



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Community Calendar

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The Presidio blood drive is today from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and tomorrow from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the NCO Club Green Room. Call the Family Support Division for an appointment at **561-3701** or **561-5730.**

If groups of 20 or more are unable to make one of these dates due to schedule conflicts, call **561-3701** to arrange for a Blood Mobile to come to you.

Education Fair

The Presidio joins Army posts around the world this week in celebrating American Education Week.

The post education centers are sponsoring an education fair tomorrow.

The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216.

The Computer Center will give Presidians a chance to see software tutorials in operating systems, word processing, database and spreadsheet applications.

Representives from 15 Bay Area colleges and universities will be on hand to tell people about their certificate and degree (undergraduate and graduate) programs which are of special interest to working adults. A Veteran's Administration representative will be able to explain veterans education benefits. Education counselors will provide information on college credit for MOS/service schools and CLEP tests; grants and scholarships; and external degree programs.

Thanksgiving Service

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at the Main Post Chapel on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger, Letterman Army Medical Center commander. This is a worship service for all faiths. Coffee and refreshments will follow.

Tennis court lights

The tennis court lights at courts 1 and 2 at Infantry Terrace are now available for use. The lights must be turned off after use by players. No lights will be used after 10 p.m. For information call the Sports Branch at **561-4131**



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'The Little Mermaid'

Walt Disney's newest movie opens throughout the Bay Area tomorrow. Based on a fairy tale, this is a movie for the entire family.

Gym closes

Post Gym No. 1 will be used to test candidates for West Point and the Air Force Academy on Sunday. The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and will reopen after the test. All other parts of the gym will be open.

Pool closes

The post swimming pool will be closed tomorrow to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to take cement samples of the concrete pool bottom. The pool will reopen Saturday at noon.

Canned food drive

A canned food drive to benefit participants in the Hands Across the Presidio Food Basket Program ends Saturday.

All offices and organizations on post are encouraged to participate. Donations may be brought to Army Community Service, building 914, or call Erick Davis, **561-5057**, to arrange for them to be picked up. Collection boxes are also located at the commissary ID desk and at the third floor lobby. Presidio scout troops will collect canned goods in the post housing areas on Saturday.

Open house

Last month's earthquake canceled the Enlisted Spouses Club's open house. Barring any further natural (or unnatural disasters), the open house will be held Saturday at Outdoor Recreation, building 667 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All enlisted spouses are welcome to attend. You will have a chance to meet club members, find out about their community work and be treated to refreshments. Call Vini Kahao for information at **923-1265.**

Car wash

The Provost Marshal Office and Explorer Scouts wil hold a car wash Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the post exchange. The cost is $3.

Carpets

All requests for carpet work (installation, cleaning, etc.) in administrative buildings or offices must be submitted to the Directorate of Engineering and Housing on an engineer work request, form DA 4283. Do not contact the DEH Service Order Desk for this request.

DOS class

Learn what DOS can do for you in managing your computer disks and files. A free workshop in DOS will meet Nov. 27 through Dec. 13, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:45 to 11 a.m. at the Education Center.

ITT news

ITT has San Francisco Nutcracker Ballet tickets for sale on a first come first served basis. The cost is $22 for the Dec. 14 evening performance.

Ski trip registrations are due **today**, for the South Lake Tahoe Dec. 15 through 17 ski trip sponsored by Outdoor Recreation. The $70 fee includes lodging and transportation. Equipment rental, lift tickets and meals are not included. Payments are taken at ITT.

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Youth basketball

Presidio Youth Sports is now taking registration for the spring basketball season.

Registration for boys in the third through eighth grade will be accepted at the Sports Office, building 63, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will close Wednesday.

The registration fee is $15 a child, or a $40 family rate for three or more children.

Presidio Youth Sports also needs volunteers to coach basketball.

For information or registration (or to volunteer), call Allen Posey at **561-5051** or Lori Bearson at **561-4120.**

POWC

The December tour is Dec. 14 at the Dunsmir House in Oakland. This Victorian home will be decorated for Christmas. There is a $9 advance charge. To reserve a space, mail your check to Ellen Litney, 534-B Simmonds Loop by Monday. Meet at the Officers' Club parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Call Litney at **346-9436** for more information.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Nov. 16: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (Pg-13), 7 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18: An Innocent Man (R), 7 p.m.
Sun, Nov. 19: An Innocent Man (R), 7 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 20: An Innocent Man (R), 7 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 21: License to Kill (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 22: War Party (R), 7 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 23: Karate Kid III (PG), 7 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 24: Karate Kid III (PG), 7 p.m.

Movie summaries were not available at press time.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Nov. 17: K-9 (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Nov. 18: Harry and the Hendersons (PG)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, Nov. 18: The Dream Team (PG-13)	**7 p.m.**

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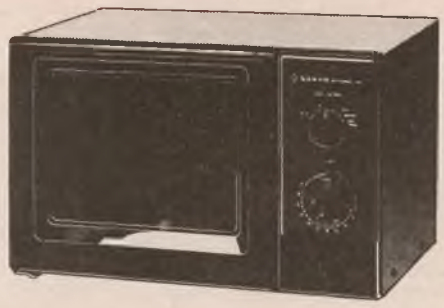
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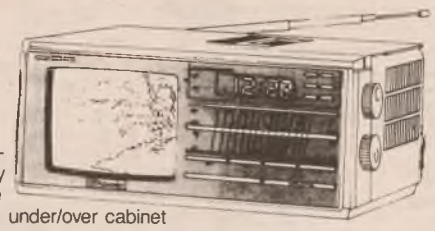
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Base closure

Representative Barbara Boxer will hold a community meeting for all interested Presidians on Thursday (Nov. 30) at 3 p.m. in the post Theatre. Her topic will be: "An Update on the Closure of the Presidio."

As a **community meeting**, the audience will be restricted to Presidians only. After her presentation, time will be allowed for questions from the audience.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at **561-5187** or **561-3995**.

Bay Area Commander's Christmas Concert

The 12th Annual Bay Area Army Commander's Christmas Concert will be held at the Palace of Fine Arts on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

Officers, enlisted soldiers, DA civilians and family members are invited to enjoy traditional Christmas music performed by the Sixth U.S. Army Band; the concert is expected to last about an hour.

Officers must wear Army blues with bow ties; enlisted solders may wear either Army blues with bow ties or Army greens with bow ties; no caps are required. All others (civilians and family) may wear informal civilian attire.

Be sure and bring the children for a special visit from the white-haired gentleman from the North Pole!

Starting at 6 p.m., several shuttle buses will transport concert attendees from the Presidio Officers' Club parking lot to the Palace of Fine Arts. After the concert, shuttles will return concert-goers to the Officers' Club parking lot.

Radon detector installation

As previously published in the last issue, the Directorate of Engineering and Housing began installing Radon detectors Nov. 13. Detectors are currently being installed in the 1500 area. This area is expected to be completed by the first week of December.

The installation of the detectors takes approximately 15 minutes and will be accomplished during the regular work week. If occupants are not found at home, the engineers will make a return visit to those quarters the following Saturday. The detectors will be installed on the first floor of each dwelling unit only. If you live in quarters where you have another family living below you, the detector will be installed in their quarters. There will be no need to install one in yours.

DEH has 1300 quarters in which to complete installation in a very short period of time, so it would be greatly appreciated if residents could give our engineers their full cooperation during the implementation of this project. The engineers will have DEH identification badges to present when visiting quarters.

Post praised for quake work



photo by Steve Morey

Reservist SFC Clayton J.S. Chong, with the 353rd Psychological Operations Battalion on post, loads furniture for a displaced Marina resident after the Oct. 17 earthquake.

by Maggie McCall

It was amazing that the daily papers here, radio, television, all seemed to ignore the part [in the earthquake] played by the Presidio and Letterman Hospital. An oversight, perhaps, but one which needs addressing now.

One of the first calls I had was from a gentleman who was obviously upset that the Presidio was closed immediately after the quake. After all, we have read our local history and know how the men there helped the victims of the '06 quake.

The answer is simple. The Presidio—except for Letterman, the firehouse and a couple of other places was also without power. Further reconnaissance and med-evac choppers were landing at several places on post. All this made for a dangerous situation to civilians wandering around in the dark. (Full power was not returned to the post until Friday). The gate guards were posted to handle emergency vehicle access through the post.

One of the reasons the United States has never had a military coup is the very strict laws forbidding the military to "take over" unless requested by civilian authority. The only exception would be if all local and regional civilian authority were "out of commission." Before the military are called upon—and the funds to pay for their deployment, the local and state personnel and funds must be used. The military are legally forbidden from going off post and taking command unless requested by the local government.

Presidio personnel, however, were activated almost at once when a request came for 40 MPs to assist police in traffic and crowd control. The Presidio Fire Department went to the fire scene at once to assist city firefighters.

Many Marina residents have watched the casualty exercises held regularly by the staff at Letterman. One had just been completed recently, and an earthquake is the scenario used in these exercises. There is a certain amount of natural grumbling at constant "practice" exercises, but on October 17 it paid off. Within one hour of the quake Letterman hospital was fully staffed, a triage area was set up on the second floor of the hospital and all doctors, nurses and technicians were ready. The emergency room was ready to go and the hospital, if called on, could have taken from two to three hundred casualties. Fortunately, there were only 23 admitted.

One of those admitted was a man rescued from the bridge. He had massive lower body injuries and had been rescued by the Presidio [Letterman] Judge Advocate, Capt. Steve Parke and med-evaced to Letterman by a Coast Guard helicopter. At Marina Middle School, Lt. Denise Biehn set up the area so that medical units could operate. She did this before the Red Cross arrived and without "orders" from any authority. Soldiers and military family members from the post worked as volunteers doing everything from assisting residents in moving their belongings to work at the Middle School.

The Army—the military in general—is strictly structured. Everything that is done is done through the "chain of command" and people tend to think of all military personnel as robots following orders. The hundreds of service personnel and their families at the Presidio acted swiftly, and using their training and common sense, did a magnificent job in those first anxious hours and days.

I asked Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Burger what was going to happen to Lt. Biehn. Would she be reprimanded for assuming responsibility without an order? Fortunately, no. In fact, Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, commander of the Sixth U.S. Army at the Presidio made a special trip across the post to Letterman to award Lt. Biehn the well-deserved Army Commendation Medal. And three cheers for [Lt.] Gen. Harrison who recognizes the need to acknowledge superior service with instant honor.

[Brig.] Gen. Burger commented, "It is important that we let the community know that those of us at Letterman feel we are part of this community and want to provide what help we can. I cannot tell you how proud I am of the staff and how they responded Tuesday evening. There are many heroes and heroines at Letterman." Marina residents agree, General, and are pleased to have you as neighbors.

I singled out these individuals because they represent the kind of people who live and work in our district. They are also representative of the people in this city.

***Editor's note:** This is an excerpt from an extensive piece on the earthquake recovery effort originally printed in the* Marina Times.

Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Thanksgiving Hoo Ahhs

It remains a GREAT day to be in the Army, an Army family member, an Army employee or a military retiree at the Presidio of San Francisco. As we enter the 1989 Thanksgiving season—a celebration unique to America and Americans—we have so much to be thankful for. Although Quake '89 claimed lives, damaged property and is considered the most costly natural disaster to ever hit our nation—how thankful we are for modern building techniques and architectural advances that minimized the death and destruction we *could* have sustained. I hope each of you will join Mrs. Harrison and me in a very special and sincere Thanksgiving '89.

On Wednesday the 15th, I had one of those rare opportunities that all Army folks relish—I had the honor of reenlisting a good soldier into the U.S. Army. I always love it when soldiers ask me to reenlist them. It's a very special time for soldiers and their families and to be asked to share in it is very special. This soldier, Sergeant Steven B. Daley, runs Funston House for us here at PSF. It's a very important job because we have so many high ranking visitors. Sgt. Daley does it exceptionally well and represents our Army, Sixth Army and the PSF very well. His spouse was present, thus indicating her support of Sgt. Daley and his decision to remain in the U.S. Army. So, to the Daley family, congratulations and all best wishes for a great tour. Sgt. Daley reenlisted for Germany. Hoo Ah!

Wednesday night saw a great time at the PSF Officers' Club. The club hosted our quarterly Right Arm Night and truly a good time was had by all. Col. David Neck, the chairman of our Club Advisory Board, deserves much of the credit for getting these affairs energized. I'd like to especially thank newly promoted Maj. Tom Cannon, XO of the MI Battalion, who MC'd the festivities and keeps the show on the road. After competitions in ball carrying, P.T. and dancing, the crew from U.S. Army Garrison dethroned the folks from MI Battalion to take the honors this quarter. And I must add that this Garrison crew are some dancers. Hoo Ah! The Sixth Army Band, as always, added that special touch. They are real pros all the way!

Thursday saw folks from PSF, plus the Sixth Army Band, participating in the Bay Bridge re-opening. This is another example of the Bay Area recovering from Quake '89. I know that all our folks from parks and other East Bay areas are thankful for this. Congratulations to the Bay Bridge—from the PSF—home of our beautiful Golden Gate Bridge!

On Monday the 20th the PSF hosted this year's Bay Area Annual Military Conference. This was a multi-service, bay-wide conference that attracted speakers from throughout our nation and all the services. To our folks in ACS Family Advocacy—Starine Cheek and Nancy Neiderhauser—my congratulations on all your work and effort in making this an affair to PSF standard of excellence.

And how about that hot flag football competition going on on post? If you haven't been out to see one of these games you're really missing out. I never knew we had so many aspiring Joe Montanas at PSF. All these guys are superstars!

As we continue our service to our nation here at PSF we, along with all members of all the military services, will be facing tough times ahead. A quick glance at the daily paper, the TV news or *Army Times*, tells you that many changes are taking place in our world. Our country faces great challenges ahead and we in the military will be expected to carry our fair share of the load. One result of all this is less money to do many of the things we have previously taken for granted. I need your help—every one of you—to help us continue to provide our quality of life here at PSF. Our facilities such as Child Care, Youth Activities, Arts and Crafts; our PX and Commissary; the Post Engineers and our Grounds Maintenance personnel; Letterman Hospital and the Vet Clinic, and I could go on and on—are trying to do more with less and to provide every citizen of the Presidio the very best service possible. So, the next time you have a chance, thank them. Do some of your own quarters repairs—we have a great self-help store. Don't litter our post, in fact, pick up someone else's litter, it will help a lot. Volunteer if you have some extra time to help someone else. We have lots of opportunities here at PSF. If we all do our best every day, and treat all our fellow soldiers, family members, employees and retirees with respect and friendship, we will contribute to Presidio of San Francisco—a *very* special place!

Have a happy, safe and relaxing Thanksgiving. God Bless you all.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."

—Abraham Lincoln

Ramblin' Sam

"What will you be thankful for this Thanksgiving?"



Sandy J. Conner, contracting officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency: "I'm thankful that my family and my home survived the earthquake."



Jeffrey P. Elliot, military family member: "Money. Nickels, dimes, quarters and pennies. I like to spend it."



Spec. Michael J. Chappell, purchasing agent, Contracting Office, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I'm thankful I have a happy marriage, work with good people, and that I like my job. Probably, I'm most thankful that everyone I'm associated with made it through the earthquake."

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Thanksgiving

Office of the Commanding General

To the members of the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco family:

As our nation pauses to observe Thanksgiving Day, we reflect on our traditions and heritage as Americans, and are thankful for the peace and freedom which enrich our lives today.

Thanksgiving Day is a special time for all of us. A time to give thanks for the blessings of the past. As you, the members of the Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio of San Francisco family, gather with friends, relatives, or your fellow soldiers for the traditional Thanksgiving feast, please consider that Americans thank you for preserving our rights with your courage and uncommon dedication.

Jo and I give you our best wishes for a happy and safe Thanksgiving celebration.

Sincerely,

William H. Harrison

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding Officer

Thanksgiving '89 is special for all of us — As we give thanks that the Quake of '89 spared most of us.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

On this national day of thanks, Americans throughout the world pause in their daily pursuits to recognize the blessings of peace and prosperity that are our national birthright. The Thanksgiving tradition, born amidst the hardships of 17th Century America and formally proclaimed by George Washington exactly 200 years ago, has been an enduring aspect of our lives and is as appropriate today as it was in the time of the pilgrims.

For we are a nation truly blessed—blessed with a heritage of unbridled opportunities and undiminished respect for the dignity of each individual American. We are a nation committed to the principles of freedom, peace, and liberty to which people throughout the world aspire.

The United States Army plays an indispensable role in the preservation of these blessings. Whether forward, deployed along freedom's frontiers or serving within the United States, our soldiers and their families proudly stand as the ultimate guardians of the nation and as the first line of defense against tyranny and oppression. The dedicated men and women who make up our ranks are the guarantors that future generations of Americans can give thanks for the same blessings that we celebrate today.

To every soldier, civilian, and family member of the total Army, thank you for your selfless sacrifice and for your commitment to the principles that have kept our country strong.

Happy Thanksgiving.

M.P.W. Stone
Secretary of the Army;
Carl E. Vuono, General,
United States Army Chief of Staff

Letters to the Editor

Letter to all Presidians:

The office of the American Red Cross here on the Presidio of San Francisco would like to thank the Command of the Sixth U.S. Army and the Command of Letterman Army Medical Center and their staffs for the tremendous amount of support that has been given our organization.

Your staff have helped the victims of the Earthquake in an exemplary manner serving military personnel and citizens of the Bay Area. As an organization, we know it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to provide the necessary support without the help of the Presidio and Letterman staff.

Unfortunately, we cannot list all the names of the individuals who have extended themselves to help us, but I would like to mention a few. Thanks to Lt. Gen. and Mrs. William H. Harrison and Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Leslie M. Burger. A special thank-you to the Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. William Reese and his staff of Military Police. They did an extraordinary job in keeping the shelters and the community safe. Our admiration and thanks go out to our long-standing Red Cross volunteers who gave even more of themselves during this stressful time.

This letter would not be complete without giving thanks to the family members here on the Presidio. We understand that is was extremely difficult to have your community changed overnight. Without your patience and understanding of the situation, it would have been more difficult for everyone to provide relief services. So, kudos to all family members on the Presidio.

Again, thank you so much.

Patricia A. McSwyane
American Red Cross Station Manager

Worth Repeating

"You don't set a fox to watching the chickens just because he has a lot of experience in the hen house."

Harry S. Truman,
U.S. president

"To lead an untrained people to war is to throw them away."

Confucius (551 - 478 B.C.),
Chinese philosopher

"At its best, it (discipline) is instilled and maintained by pride in oneself, in one's unit, in one's profession; only at its worst by a fear of punishment."

British Field Marshal A.P. Wavell

"Doctrine provides a military organization with a common philosophy, a common language, a common purpose, and a unity of effort."

—Gen. George H. Decker, USA

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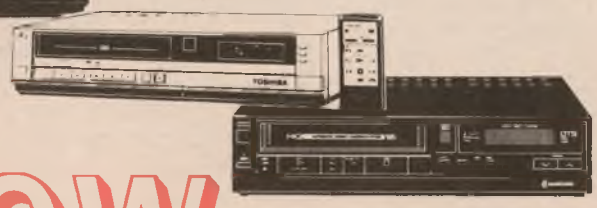
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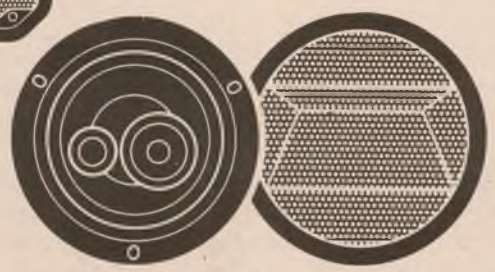
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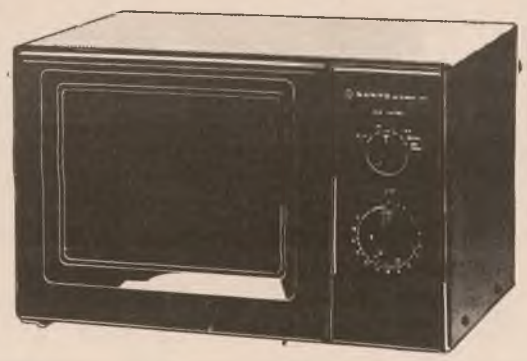


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Soldiers at Work

Ceremonial Platoon: pride, pitfalls, polish



Members of Ceremonial Platoon carry the colors at a Nov. 16 retirement ceremony on post.

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

He attends as many as 200 funerals a year, but says he's never become accustomed to death.

Spec. Glen J. Wilmes, a member of Ceremonial Platoon—an honors squad on post—says he's failed to harden himself for graveside duty.

"I try to shut it off," says Wilmes, a ceremonial specialist with the 12-man honor guard. "I try to think of it as just another mission.

"And usually," he explains, "it doesn't bother me until I go up to present the flag to the widow.

"Once I tried to give it [the flag] to a widow and she just asked, 'Why?'

"There's nothing I could have said to her," Wilmes adds. "I just saluted and walked away."

As a member of the platoon, Wilmes says he's performed about 400 funerals, and been in another 150 ceremonies, in the two years he's been here.

"But," he quickly adds, "I don't care how long you've been doing funerals, if you've got a good Taps player, it always gets to you."

Representing both the post and the United States Army, the platoon travels throughout northern California, performing in parades and special ceremonies also.

In full regalia, ceremonial specialists wear dress blue uniforms, carry the Army's battle streamers and the U.S. flag.

The ceremonies are a needed respite from the funerals, which account for 60 percent of the platoon's work.

They're also a source of pride for the unit.

Jimmy L. Benton, also a ceremonial specialist with the team, explains: "Ceremonies—especially when they're for veterans' groups—are probably the best.

"Veterans know what those colors mean," Benton adds, "and they respect them. Those are the missions that are the best," he explains, "because you know they're going to mean something."

But the honor guard's duty isn't all glamour and gratitude. In one of the truly low points of the year, a man walked up to the platoon and asked if they were with the Salvation Army.

Members of the platoon, with United States Army Garrison, know another downside to the duty. Each man has worked up to 12 days in a row this year without a day off.

According to their NCOIC, SSgt. Thomas A. Hayes, they usually work six days a week.

So far this year, Hayes says, the platoon has worked 25 Saturdays, eight Sundays and four national holidays. Hayes notes, "The figures are impressive—or depressive; it depends on how you look at them."

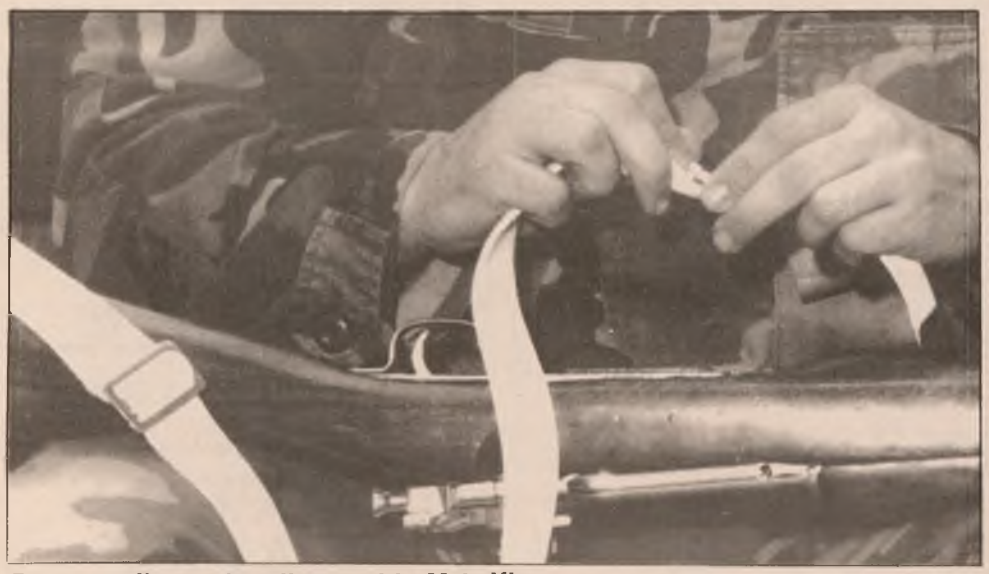
Yet Spec. Jeff Williams, another ceremonial specialist with the platoon, says even the funerals can be a source of pride.

"We might be the last representation of the military a person will ever see," Williams says, "except maybe for movies or television."

Williams says he thinks of the ceremonies as a chance to show the Army's best face.

"When people watch us, they learn we carry a certain degree of discipline. Sometimes they come up to us after a funeral and say, 'You looked very good. It meant a lot to me to have you there.' "

Williams says, "That makes us feel worthy. It makes us feel that we've done something to help."



Benton adjusts the sling on his M-1 rifle.



Spec. James Benton, a ceremonial specialist with Ceremonial Platoon, carefully adjusts the insignias on his dress blue uniform.



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Education Center closes

The Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, and the Letterman Education Center, building 1014, will close at 4 p.m. today and re-open at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

Commissary closes

The Commissary will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Ball

This year Presidians have a lot for which to be grateful. Most of us were fortunate to have suffered very little as a result of last month's devastating earthquake. Not everyone was so lucky.

To celebrate and give thanks this holiday season, Sixth U.S. Army invites its staff and employees—and their families—to the Christmas Ball on Dec. 15. The Gala Ball will be held at the Officers' Club and promises to be an event to remember. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a reception line headed by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. Christmas dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Sixth Army Band will crown the evening.

Join the celebration and add your voice of thanks at this gala event.

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The December tour is Dec. 14 at the Dunsmuir House in Oakland. This Victorian home will be decorated for Christmas. There is a $9 advance charge. To reserve a space, mail your check to Ellen Litney, 534-B Simonds Loop by Monday. Meet at the Officers' Club parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Call Litney at **346-9436** for more information.



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'The Bear'

A wounded male kodiak bear and an orphaned cub struggle for survival in "The Bear," now showing in Bay Area theaters.

Gospel Service Dial-A-Ride

The Fort Scott Chapel Gospel Service is offering a **Dial-A-Ride** service for all members of the Presidio community. Everyone interested in attending the Gospel Service Sunday School at 11 a.m. and the worship service at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday can contact the Post Chapel office to arrange for transportation. Just call **Dial-A-Ride Service, 561-4719** or **561-4239**. All arrangements for transportation must be made by the Thursday before worship.

Choir concert

The Presidio Post Chapel Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at the Main Post Chapel on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Also featured will be the Presidio Brass, the chapel's handbell choir. Come and start your Christmas season! For information, call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250**.

ITT news

ITT has San Francisco Nutcracker Ballet tickets for sale on a first come first served basis. The cost is $22 for the Dec. 14 evening performance.

Ski trip registrations are due **today**, for the South Lake Tahoe Dec. 15 through 17 ski trip sponsored by Outdoor Recreation. The $70 fee includes lodging and transportation. Equipment rental, lift tickets and meals are not included. Payments are taken at ITT.

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To be eligible to receive half off the Marine World Africa USA gate price, pick up a wild card at the ITT Office. They are located in building 215, **561-3992**.

Reading standards for NCOs

Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Vuono recently approved new policies recommended by the NCO Leader Development Study Group. One policy, which was implemented immediately, established 10th grade reading level requirements for soldiers scheduled to attend the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), the Basic NCO Course (BNCOC) and the Advance NCO Course (ANCOC). The reading level requirement for attendance at Sergeant Major Academy remains at 12th grade.

Presidio soldiers do not have to wait until they are selected for an NCOES school to find out their reading levels; testing requires only one hour. A counselor explains the test results to each soldier privately. If the score is below the NCOES requirement, the counselor will explain the local opportunities available to help the soldier improve his or her reading level.

George Dokes, Education Center counselor, is encouraging soldiers in grades E-4, E-5 and E-6 to test immediately. "The soldier who scores at the 10th grade can relax, and the soldier who doesn't score high enough will have plenty of time to improve his or her skills prior to NCOES.

"Waiting," he warned, "could delay school attendance and promotion."

Soldiers assigned to LAMC or LAIR can schedule testing through counselors at the LAMC Education Center, **561-3692** or **561-4791**. Soldiers in other units can schedule tests through counselors at the Fort Scott Education Center at **561-2974** or **561-4445**.

Holiday meal

All officers and family members of active duty military are exempt from surcharges for holiday meals. They will only be charged for food cost.

Self Help Center Thanksgiving schedule

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday the Self Help Center will be closed tomorrow, Friday and Saturday.

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing and the Self Help Center staff would like to take this opportunity to offer a sincere THANK YOU to all of the many good customers whose support has helped to make the Self Help Center viable support for the Presidio community.

Tickets and jobs at the USO

The USO offers a Job Search Program for military spouses. Skills assessment; resume writing; and referrals and placement are given without charge. Register for this program at USO in building 223 (basement) or call **561-2436**, Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USO also will have free tickets for the Pickle Family Circus Friday, Dec. 15 performance which starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater, Lyon and Bay Streets. First come, first served!

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Nov. 23: Karate Kid III (PG), 7 p.m. Ralph Macchio, Pat Morita. When our young, angry and beaten hero seeks help from his old friend, Miyagi, he is refused because of his angry attitude.

Fri, Nov. 24: Cookie (R), 7 p.m. Peter Falk, Emily Lloyd. A mafia boss tries to lead a quiet life with a scatterbrained wife and a ferociously independent illegitimate teenage daughter.

Sat, Nov. 25: Black Rain (R), 7 p.m. Michael Douglas. An American police detective tracks a vicious killer to Japan.

Sun, Nov. 26: Black Rain (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Nov. 27: Black Rain (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Nov. 28: Weekend at Bernie's (PG-13). Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman. Two office buddies uncover a big insurance scam in their office and are rewarded with a weekend at their boss's fabulous beach home.

Wed, Nov. 29: Night Game (R), 7 p.m.

Thu, Nov. 30: When Harry Met Sally (R), 7 p.m. Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan. The delightful story of an 11-year friendship between two people who try to resist romantic involvement with each other.

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Nov. 24: Her Alibi (PG)	**7 p.m.**
Sat, Nov. 25: The Frogmen (G)	**1 p.m.**
Sat, Nov. 25: Halloween IV	**7 p.m.**

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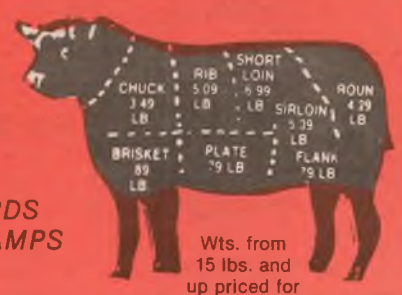
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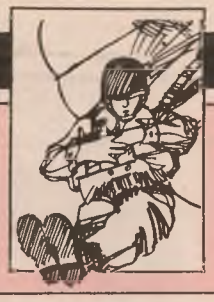
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News Briefs

Christmas tree lighting

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Presidio Christmas tree lighting ceremony which will be held outside the Presidio Fire Department at 3:30 p.m. Dec.13.

The event will feature music by the Sixth U.S. Army Band, Christmas carols, remarks by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, the tree lighting and a visit by Santa Claus!

Santa Claus will be available to have his picture taken with the children.

Garrison Holiday Ball

This year's Garrison Holiday Ball begins at 6:30 p.m. Dec.8 at the Presidio Officers' Club. The ball is open to military of all ranks and civilians.

The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m.; dinner is at 7:30 p.m., followed by dancing. The Sixth U.S. Army Band Dance Combo will provide dance music.

The cost is $18 a person, or $36 a couple to attend. Tables may be reserved for directorates, divisions, branches or groups of friends.

Dress for the occasion is dress blues or mess dress blues for officers; dress blues or Army Class A's with white shirt and black bow tie for enlisted soldiers: and dark business suit, formal length dress or appropriate cocktail dress for civilians.

Attendees must **RSVP no later than Dec.5** to their directorate point of contact. Call **561-2431** for more information.

Health benefits

The open season for health benefits lasts until Dec. 8. To help Presidians find out more about each of the various plans, the Civilian Personnel Directorate is sponsoring a health fair. Representatives from many of the health plans will be available to answer questions at that time.

The fair will be held at the Sixth U.S. Army Conference Facility on building 35's first floor, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop by for brochures and answers to your health plan questions.

Commissary meeting

The Presidio Commissary Council meeting will be held Dec.8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissary Conference Room, building 653.

Litter pickup

Litter pickup and collection requirements (packing boxes, grass clippings, old furniture, etc.) can be arranged by calling the DEH Contract Services and the Utility Sales Branch at **561-6000**.



Safety first

photo by Joel P. Smith

Spec. Dennis G. Wade inspects a parachute for damage at the Air Delivery Section on post. Wade is one of eight airborne riggers at the shop, which supplies parachutes to Army and Navy units in northern California. For their story, see pages 6 and 7.

Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Army Families are special

Dear Fellow Presidians,

You're right—another great week to be in the Army, an Army family member, an Army employee or a Retiree at the Presidio of San Francisco. Our weather has continued beautiful and balmy, till I awoke on Tuesday the 21st to find us fogged in; but even the fog is special here—shrouding the bridge, being heralded by the fog horns and bringing some relief to our current dry conditions.

In addition to the weather, it has been a week of action in the base closure area, and we have been celebrating Army Family Week—always a pleasure, as I really, truly believe that Army Families are special. I know mine has been and still is. Spouse Jo and sons Charlie and Bill have lived in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and from the east to west coast in the USA. They have changed school at mid-year, between junior and senior year, been denied varsity status because they were new arrivals. Jo has moved 26—or is it 27—times in 22 years of marriage. But through it all they have supported me, loved me, kept my feet firmly planted in reality and made every day one of challenge and of fun. So, I'm a real fan of "The Army Family" and during this time of special recognition I want to say a real loud and sincere **Hoo Ah** to each and every Army Family for this week and for every week of the year. And to all our agencies at PSF that supported Army Family Week in any manner—Thanks.

I received one of these very special letters last week. It was from the wife of a retiree who was at Letterman for treatment. The couple was staying at Pershing Hall and going to LAMC for treatment. The retiree was having difficulty leaving the hospital and getting in and out of the car and in and out of the guest house. The spouse writes: "The MPs came and assisted him into the car and had another MP meet us at Pershing Hall and assist him into our room. Without their help we could not have made it." No amount of money, no rank, no position, no honor, no accolade can equal such comments about one's soldiers.

Each time I get such a letter, be it for action during the earthquake, for heroic action resulting in life-saving or a simple act of kindness such as the example above. I am reminded of the goodness, of the majesty, of the uniqueness of the American Soldier. A volunteer, trained for war, they remain one of the most noble creatures known to man. I don't even know who these young soldiers are. They didn't perform this kindness for a fellow soldier for recognition or honor or money. They did it because it was the right thing to do. To these unknown good Samaritans and to all those others of you who perform like acts—thanks—and a real **Hoo Ah!**

The Greater Bay Area Annual Conference on Military Families was held here at the Presidio on Monday, 20 November. Over 225 service personnel from all services and many dignitaries from FORSCOM, DA and DoD attended. Feedback is that it was a super conference which accomplished a great deal. Many personnel from all the services arranged the conference, but the two Presidians who carried the ball here were Nancy Neiderhauser and Starine Cheek. To these two ladies, a real sincere **Hoo Ah**. Your efforts earned the PSF another high mark for hospitality and courtesy. And to the Garrison Staff, the Officers' Club staff, SP Travino of the band, and all the others behind the scenes, workers who made the conference a success—Thanks.

The next Sixth Army Run is scheduled for 29 November—the day after you read this. I hope we'll have a big turn out, great weather, a good time and a good run.

Today, 30 November, another of those great days: a reenlistment of a good soldier, SPC Mardy Puteney of the Sixth Army Protocol Section. Mardy has been my driver while my usual driver is away at PLDC, so it's a real joy and honor to preside at this affair. All best wishes to SPC Puteney as he begins a new phase of his military career.

If any of you missed the NBC Today Show on Tuesday the 21st, you may be wondering about all the activity around the PSF Museum on the 20th and 21st. Yes, that's right, Bryant Gumbel used our very own Museum for the setting of the Today Show. This may be, for some of you, the first time you have seen the "inside" of the Museum. If so, don't put it off any longer. Treat yourself to a visit to our Museum. It's one of the best in the Army—interesting, enjoyable, educational and fun. Bryant Gumbel *has* seen it now—why not you?!

Finally, I know every Presidian has seen and heard the news about the action in Congress regarding the future of the Presidio. Right now we do not know the full ramifications of the action. I assure you that as the acts come out we will keep you informed. There are many players in this equation—the Army, Congress, the city of San Francisco, **you** and many more. *As always, our goal here at the* PSF is to do what the law says, to do it to the best of our ability and to continue our outstanding stewardship of the Presidio of San Francisco—A Very Special *Place!*

God Bless you each and every one.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"There must be, within our Armies, a sense of purpose . . . a willingness to march a little farther, to carry a heavier load, to step into the dark and unknown for the safety and well-being of others."
General Creighton Abrams

Ramblin' Sam

"What do you think each person can do to contribute to world peace?"



Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jim Gilliam, retired: "Each individual should be more cooperative. Tourists should be more cooperative."



Lt. Col. Horst Gutsfeld, transportation officer, Oakland Army Base: "Be a responsible citizen, no matter what country you live in. Care about the place you live in—this little round ball we live on."



Sgt. Michael C. Clemmons, test administrator, Military Entrance Processing Station, Oakland: "Each country has an ambassador. Go to that ambassador and tell him how the people of the world feel."



Lt. Col. Winifred R. Maita, retired: "We're off to a good start already, especially with Russia. Human rights are being considered, which we've been stressing to that country for many years."



Theresa A. March, research technician, Veterans Administration Hospital, San Francisco: "People are rude and inconsiderate. It's hard enough just getting the neighborhood to be peaceful. [World peace starts with] getting rid of all the bad elements or getting them to improve their situation."

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All in the Family

Military Family conferees pool resources

by Joel P. Smith

In the Bay Area, there are 16,000 military families missing a wife or husband.

Most of the missing spouses are service members who are working or training overseas, according to Nancy Neiderhauser, manager of the Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Services on post.

To help commanders support families struggling to adjust to military life, Bay Area health officials and military commanders Nov. 20 held the third annual Military Family Conference.

Held at the Officers' Club on post, the conference drew about 250 commanders and Department of Defense employees from all branches of the service.

Thelma Peck, conference coordinator, said, "We felt it was important for the military to get the word out that it's not just interested in war and gunpowder. It's interested in people.

"The idea behind the conference is networking," said Peck, a clinical director at First Vallejo Hospital in Vallejo, Calif. The hospital co-sponsored the all-day event.

"With severe budget cuts," she explained, "no longer can we operate in a vacuum. What we need to do [in the military and the health community] is pool our resources and work together."

Many people who attended the conference said the most important thing they learned was the name of a person who could help them help the military families.

"Once you know who's out there to help you, you've got personal contacts—whole avenues to work you didn't know existed," explained Army Chaplain [Lt. Col.] Rick Wiedman.

Wiedman attended the conference as the 91st Division (Training) chaplain.

Lt. Col . John M. Razel, who taught a workshop entitled "Command Issues in Family Dysfunction," said the conference was held because "soldiers need to know somebody cares for them."

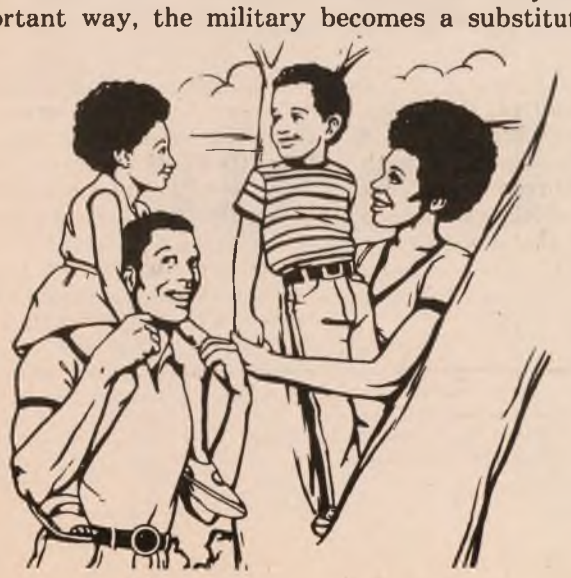
Razel, commander of Headquarters Command Batallion on post, explained, "Soldiers want to know they're getting solid, excellent leadership-that their problems are not going to fall on deaf ears."

There's a practical side—from the military's viewpoint—of building a support system for families, Razel added.

"We want to retain soldiers. If we don't take care of soldiers, it's not an inducement to stay (in the service)," Razel said.

The conference did not ignore the single soldier. Several officials at the event noted that unmarried service members often see the military as their family.

"The military is who the single soldier turns to in time of need," said Niederhauser. "In a very important way, the military becomes a substitute family, because it provides support, nurturing and even discipline—when it's needed."



This relationship was addressed in a workshop titled "Identifying and Responding to the needs of the Single Service Person."

Perhaps the most surprising workshop, the singles segment also got commanders involved in sky-diving, surfing, cross-country skiing and mountain climbing—through a slide show.

Air Force Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Sands demonstrated, through a rock-and-roll slide show, how leaders can build a singles program which attracts like a magnet.

Sands, who founded an innovative singles club at Travis Air Force Base, described how his program has caught up with the times.

"Gone are the 'Bowling for Dollars' days," Sands said emphatically. "Singles want an activity that tells them something about themselves—something they can challenge themselves with."

So Sands takes up to 80 of his 300 singles up the north face of Half Dome, or cross-country on skiis in Squaw Valley, or scuba-diving off the coast.

The chaplain, whose club has been featured in newspapers throughout California, said a good singles program is essential for every base, and for every service.

"Without a good program, a lot of [service members] get lonely, bored," Sands offered.

"The demons of boredom overtake them. So they vege-out, maybe sit in the barracks all weekend, drink a case of beer."

Sands said, "We teach them that life is more than that—more than 8 to 5, more than just doing your job. We offer them a chance to live on the outer edge."

While some service members want to walk on the edge, most families don't. Families want security and safety—something the conference may help them find.

Razel said the seminar negates "ostrich management."

He explained: "Some people think they can just put their head in the sand, [thinking], 'if we don't see the solution and we don't see the problem, maybe it'll just go away.'

"That's ostrich management," Razel said, " and we can't do that to families. We're letting people know we'll leave no stoned unturned until a problem is solved."

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Thankful

Quake victims tell their Thanksgiving story

Family finds 'home' in post barracks

story and photos by Liz Greeley

On Oct. 17, the Carpenter family was living in a hotel in the Tenderloin section of San Francisco. Grandmother Ina, her two daughters and four grandchildren all shared a single room for $35 a night, according to Ina Carpenter. How did the earthquake disaster affect their lives?

From her room in building 906 on post, Ina, her daughter Evelyn, and 6-year-old granddaughter De'vina tell their own story.

With the hotel in a shambles, it was clear to everyone they would have to find someplace else to stay.

"We didn't know where to go from there. I told my daughter [Evelyn], 'I'm going somewhere, and I want to come back with a place to stay,'" Ina said.

"I went straight to the Red Cross."

Ina said the Red Cross immediately gave her seven beds for her family at the Moscone Center.

"After [three days at the] Moscone Center, we came to the Presidio Army Base. And we've been here ever since," she said.

"They've [the Red Cross] been really good to us; I can say that.

"There are seven of us here. I've got another daughter and two more grandkids. And they saw that we all stuck together as a family."

Ina then mentioned she has several health problems: she needs a hip replacement; she has a kidney problem; and she said she has multiple sclerosis.

"But the Red Cross comes in and sees about me, makes sure I'm all right. But they deserve an award; they do.

"I feel blessed. It could have been worse and the Red Cross has really been good to me and my family. They took care of me when I was sick; they took care of my grandson when he was sick. They put a roof over our heads and it's really meant a lot for us. We're thankful for it."



De'vina Carpenter, Evelyn Carpenter's 6-year-old daughter, relaxes on Thanksgiving Day.



Ina Carpenter looks on as her daugher, Evelyn, holds Ina's energetic 18-month-old grandson, Devin Thompson.

But the Red Cross isn't the only recipient of the Carpenter family's gratitude.

"We want to give thanks to the United States Army, too, for having us here, because they didn't have to take us on," Ina said.

Is there anything else they need they don't have?

"Sure. A place to stay [permanently]. If God can grant me that, I'll be all right," Ina said.

Evelyn, one of Ina's two daughters, described her experience as the earthquake struck.

"We were in a hotel and we had a little shake. We all thought it was maybe a big truck going by. Then it never did stop shaking and everything got to falling."

Evelyn described some of the desperate hotel residents jumping from the hotel balcony to the street below, leaving her and her mother alone with two children in the hotel to get out as best they could. The television fell, the windows fell out and the light fixtures fell down, she said.

Evelyn's reaction to the Presidio shelter and the Red Cross volunteers seems to be overwhelmingly positive.

"It was nice. It was a nice Thanksgiving for me,

"It's nice here; the people are nice. They're terrific to us; I have to give it to them, they've been very good to me and my family."

What about their Thanksgiving dinner at the Presidio Red Cross shelter? After entertainment by jugglers, comedians and others, dinner was served under cold, metallic gray skies. After everyone had their plate filled, they moved to their Thanksgiving dining hall—an Army tent.

"It was nice. it was a nice Thanksgiving for me, because that's more than what we would have had. We probably wouldn't have had anything. I feel blessed. Everybody so far I've talked to said they enjoyed the dinner.

"Thank God for being there with us."

Living in barracks, eating Thanksgiving dinner in an Army tent—how does this appear to a 6-year-old girl?

"My name is De'vina, and I don't want to leave." Why? "Because I like it here, and I know everybody else."

Pressed for specific reasons why she didn't want to leave, De'vina said:

"They [Red Cross volunteers] help me. When I fall, they pick me up. They gave me vouchers for clothes. And they had turkey, and it was *good*."

In fact, De'vina announced she wanted to work for the Red Cross when she grows up. Again, why?

"I think they're special, that's why. They want to help people."

Apparently a little girl the Red Cross helped, someday wants to join their philosophy of helping others.

An earthquake and the Red Cross brought this thoughtful and grateful Christian family to the Presidio from the Tenderloin. This family may be having hard times with small children and a sick grandmother to look after, but they didn't leave their gratitude behind before they even reached a Tenderloin hotel.

Ina plans to send a thank-you card to the garrison commander.



Spec. Mel VegaValez, a rigger at the post Air Delivery Section, folds sections of the immense canopy, before it is stuffed in the deployment bag.



CW3 Gaylin Jesmer (l), officer in charge, and Morales discuss repairs to a soldier's parachute. The canopy is spread over a light table to reveal cuts and frays.

Riggers hold soldiers'

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

The parachute failed and the recruit plummeted toward the field.

Seconds before, the would-be paratrooper, making his first jump, had faced his instructor. The drill sergeant told him, "Your main chute will open automatically. If for some reason it fails, your reserve chute will save you. When you hit the landing zone, a man in a truck will pick you up and take you back to the post."

Falling fast, the soldier pulled his reserve. The harness failed. He looked at the landing zone, spinning up toward him. He thought, "Shoot, I'll bet that truck's not there either."

Anyone willing to jump out of an airplane soaring higher than its landing gear—parked—is going to take a lot of flack. The Presidio's airborne riggers—who pack parachutes **and** use them—are no exception.

"People say the only things that fall out of the sky are birds—and fools," says Spec. Mel VegaVelez, one of eight riggers with the Air Delivery Section on post.

"They tell us it's crazy to jump out of a perfectly good airplane," he explains. "They tell us we've got no emotions. They're the ones who are crazy.

"Jumping makes you feel like the blood in your body is flowing a thousand miles a second."

Spec. Dennis G. Wade, also a rigger at building 920, lists metaphors to discredit the emotional bankruptcy charge: "It's like flirting with death," says the rigger.

"It's skirting the limit of death, the razor's edge. It's dancing on the ed
Wade.

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He says, "Every time so
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"The parachute has to
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CW3 Gaylin Jesmer, the o
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Air Delivery Section



g the canopy flat after stuffing it inside the VegaValez ensures a smooth exit for the chute.



A rigger trims the connector-link ties on a chute. Untrimmed, the ties might tangle in part of the chute's suspension system.

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At Fort Bragg, N.C., he jumped out of a plane, tucked into a half-fetal position, and waited for the canopy to open.

And waited.

And waited.

And looked up. And grabbed for the release on the reserve chute when he saw the chute was just a falling banner wrapped up in itself.

It opened.

He was more than halfway to the ground when the reserve chute opened. What was he thinking about in that long fall?

"Who packed it?" says Jesmer.

Each parachute carries a log, having as its final entry the name of the soldier who packed it last. When the ambulance drove up to Jesmer—who was unhurt—the drivers found him sitting very quietly, reading the log. He found that a good friend had packed the chute. Jesmer had packed his own reserve. Later, the chute—not the packer—was found to be deficient, says Jesmer.

"It's knowing that someone's life is at stake that makes you pay close attention to detail," he notes.

"Some people tell me we're crazy," he says, adding that there's also some awe, and, especially among troops who understand what riggers do, some respect.

"And then there are people who come up to me—on the drop zone—and shake my hand and say, 'Thanks for seeing that your shop packed another good chute for me.'"



Sewing closed a tear in a parachute is Spec. Alan H. Morales. Riggers are qualified to repair major damage to a chute and its suspension gear.

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Cancer screenings Saturday in city

At least 2,000 free skin cancer screenings will be offered at seven locations in San Francisco on Saturday, thanks to the American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Dermatology.

Nearly 100 California dermatologists are donating their services from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

Sears store, Masonic and Geary streets
Salvation Army Center, 360-4th St.
The Heritage, 3400 Laguna St.
St. Luke's Hospital, 3555 Army St.
Children's Hospital of San Francisco, 3700 California St.
St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center, 450 Stanyan St.
YMCA/Stonestown, 19th & Eucalyptus

More than half a million cases of skin cancer are discovered in the U.S. each year, the vast majority of which are highly curable, according to the American Cancer Society. At the same time, the incidence of melanoma, the most serious skin cancer, is increasing at the rate of 3.4 percent a year. Any unusual skin condition may be a warning signal of skin cancer and should be checked, as early detection is critical. Once a dangerous form of skin cancer has spread, the chance for cure drops from 89 percent to just 39 percent.

Dr. William Epstein of the San Francisco Dermatological Society and Dr. Judith Luce of the American Cancer Society are cooperating in planning for the one-day free screening programs.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society at 974-1592.

American Cancer Society

Oak Knoll opens CHAMPUS center

NAVAL HOSPITAL OAKLAND—A new CHAMPUS Service Center at Oak Knoll formally opened Nov. 17. The office is located across from the hospital's west side entrance.

The Civilian Health Care and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services is the federal government's supplement to health care in military facilities. The CHAMPUS Service Center at Oak Knoll began its operations inside the hospital's lobby in August, 1988, and moved to its new location in September 1989.

"We're now a complete service center with the hospital's Health Benefits Advisors joining our staff," said Mary MacPhail, the center's Senior Nurse. "They deal with CHAMPUS and VA benefits so our programs feed off each other." Robert Valentine and Chesta Brantley serve as Oak Knoll's Health Benefits Advisors.

"We exist to assist patients in obtaining timely, cost-efficient medical care via referrals to the MTF (Military Treatment Facility) or a civilian panel of health care providers," continued MacPhail. "In the process, we make things easier for the beneficiaries and decrease confusions among health care providers."

The center has a network of more than 2,000 doctors in the Bay Area who signed a contract with Foundation Health Care to provide services to CHAMPUS-eligible beneficiaries.

"I feel we play an important role in providing health care to beneficiaries at Oak Knoll," said MacPhail. "They have indicated a high level of satisfaction with our service."

The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Its staff can be contacted at **430-3500**. After hours or during holidays and weekends, beneficiaries can call **1-800-242-6788.**

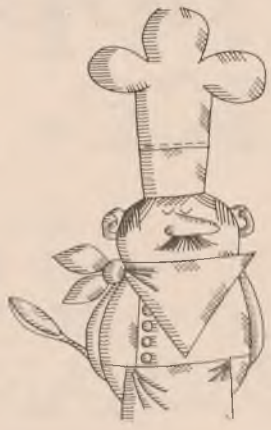
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Stop smoking class

Do you want to get rid of your habit of smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco? A new series of smoking cessation classes offered by Letterman Army Medical Center's Preventive Medicine might be the answer.

The 1990 classes begin Jan. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., at LAMC's Schwartz Theater in building 1105. To register, call Central Appointments at **561-5324**; or, for more information, call Jeff Brinkley at **561-3929.**





Nutrition workshops

You can help fight the battle of the bulge. LAMC's Nutrition Service staff will offer two workshops to help Presidians feast in a healthy way during the holidays.

The sessions are Dec.7 and 14 at 1 p.m. in room 522 at LAMC , building 1100. To register, or for more information, call **561-3107.**



Package ski trips

The time is now to plan your winter ski trip to the mountains. Outdoor Recreation still has openings for the following trips:

Bear Valley, Feb. 9 to 11, 1990; sign up and refund deadline is Jan. 10; the cost is $75 a person. **South Lake Tahoe,** March 9 through 11; sign up and refund deadline is Feb. 7; the cost is $70 a person.

For more information, call **561-3992,** or visit the Information, Tour and Travel office in building 215, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Fitness Day

A "Community Fitness Day" will be held **Saturday** at Gym No.1, building 63, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The event will feature free aerobic dance classes (at 10 a.m.), free blood pressure and total cholesterol testing, and sports nutrition information.

This activity is part of health promotion for the entire military community. Come on out and meet your aerobic exercise instructors and health promoters at the main gym.

For more information, call Bob Darling at **561-4120** or **561-4131.**

Post offers holiday tourneys

The Sports Branch will hold several tournaments during the holiday season starting Dec. 18. All events are in the afternoon hours (11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Sport	Time	Entry fee
Racquetball Men's A, Men's B (novice), Seniors (35 years and older), and Women's Open	11:30 a.m.	$5 each event
Volleyball	12:30 p.m.	$25 a team
Full-court Basketball	1 p.m.	$50 a team
3-on-3 Basketball	1:30 p.m.	$20 a team
Bowling singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles, Dec. 19 and 20; Team event is Dec. 21	no meeting; pick up entry forms at Gym No. 1	$6 each event

Entrance fees for all events are due Dec. 13 by 11:30 a.m. Organization meetings for each sport will be held Dec. 13 in Gym No. 1, building 63, as follows:

Teams may be formed by combining: units, DA civilians and military family members ("dependents") 19 years and older. All entries will be accepted at Gym No. 1. For more information, call Bob Darling or Bobbie Gascon at **561-5032.**

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Community Calendar

Harrison in San Jose

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Commander of Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio, will top the guest of honor list at the third annual Military Ball on Dec. 7 in San Jose.

The event is sponsored by the Association of the United States Army, and other defense-support groups. Included as a guest of honor is Margaret O'Brien, an Academy Award winner and former Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Southern California.

Reservations must be made by **Saturday;** call Carole Childress at **(408) 289-2319.** For more information, call John Swenson at **(408) 864-8929,** or John Ormsby at **(408) 452-2138.**

POWC news

Tour change

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club December tour has been changed to **Dec.14.** POWC will visit the Octagon House, which was built in 1861 in San Francisco and decorated with furnishings and arts from the colonial and federal periods.

Members will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the **old** day care center on Ruger Street near the Lombard Gate. Each person needs 85 cents in exact change for the bus, and extra money for lunch on Union Street. Call Ellen Litney for reservations at **346-9436** by Dec. 12.

Luncheon

The club's luncheon is Dec. 7 at 11:15 a.m. in the Presidio Officers' Club ballroom. The program includes Christmas stories by Nancy Foss, an informational talk by Pam Spindler of Lighthouse followed by a sing-along led by the Presidio Singers.

Before Tuesday at noon, call Geri Margetts at **563-9807,** or Judi Goertmiller at **567-0381** for more information.

College mixer

The club's annual College Mixer for all college-age Presidians and military family members and their guests is Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The hostess for the evening is Ellen Litney who lives at 534-B Simonds Loop. Please bring a snack to share. Call Litney at **346-9436** for more information.

Holiday meal

All officers and family members of active duty military are exempt from surcharges for holiday meals. They will only be charged for food cost.



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'Prancer'

John Riggs (Sam Elliott) with his daughter Jessica (Rebecca Harrell) and Prancer. This family film is now showing in Bay Area theaters.

Gospel Service Dial-A-Ride

The Fort Scott Chapel Gospel Service is offering a **Dial-A-Ride** service for all members of the Presidio community. Everyone interested in attending the Gospel Service Sunday School at 11 a.m. and the worship service at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday can contact the Post Chapel office to arrange for transportation. Just call **Dial-A-Ride Service, 561-4719** or **561-4239.** All arrangements for transportation must be made by the Thursday before worship.

Choir concert

The Presidio Post Chapel Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert at the Main Post Chapel on Sunday at 6 p.m.. Also featured will be the Presidio Brass, the chapel's handbell choir. Come and start your Christmas season! For information, call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250.**

ITT news

ITT has San Francisco Nutcracker Ballet tickets for sale on a first come first served basis The cost is $22 for the Dec. 14 evening performance.

Ski trip registrations are due **today,** for the South Lake Tahoe Dec. 15 through 17 ski trip sponsored by Outdoor Recreation. The $70 fee includes lodging and transportation. Equipment rental, lift tickets and meals are not included. Payments are taken at ITT.

To be eligible to receive half off the Marine World Africa USA gate price, pick up a wild card at the ITT Office. They are located in building 215, **561-3992.**

Reading standards for NCOs

Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Vuono recently approved new policies recommended by the NCO Leader Development Study Group. One policy, which was implemented immediately, established 10th grade reading level requirements for soldiers scheduled to attend the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), the Basic NCO Course (BNCOC) and the Advance NCO Course (ANCOC). The reading level requirement for attendance at Sergeant Major Academy remains at 12th grade.

Presidio soldiers do not have to wait until they are selected for an NCOES school to find out their reading levels; testing requires only one hour. A counselor explains the test results to each soldier privately. If the score is below the NCOES requirement, the counselor will explain the local opportunities available to help the soldier improve his or her reading level.

George Dokes, Education Center counselor, is encouraging soldiers in grades E-4, E-5 and E-6 to test immediately. "The soldier who scores at the 10th grade can relax, and the soldier who doesn't score high enough will have plenty of time to improve his or her skills prior to NCOES.

"Waiting," he warned, "could delay school attendance and promotion."

Soldiers assigned to LAMC or LAIR can schedule testing through counselors at the LAMC Education Center, **561-3692** or **561-4791.** Soldiers in other units can schedule tests through counselors at the Fort Scott Education Center at **561-2974** or **561-4445.**

Christmas Ball

This year Presidians have a lot for which to be grateful. Most of us were fortunate to have suffered very little as a result of last month's devastating earthquake. Not everyone was so lucky.

To celebrate and give thanks this holiday season, Sixth U.S. Army invites its staff and employees—and their families—to the Christmas Ball on Dec. 15. The Gala Ball will be held at the Officers' Club and promises to be an event to remember. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a reception line headed by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. Christmas dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Sixth Army Band will crown the evening.

Join the celebration and add your voice of thanks at this gala event.

Catholic Christmas religious schedule

Advent: Sunday, Fellowship after 10 a.m. Mass.

Dec. 9: Leadership seminar (RAC), 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 9: Penance Service in Chapel, 4 p.m.

Dec. 17: Advent workshop (RAC), 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: Decorate church, 10 a.m.

Dec. 23: Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Children's Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Mass of the Nativity, 8 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Eucharist, 10 a.m.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Nov. 30: When Harry Met Sally (R), 7 p.m. Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan. The delightful story of an 11-year friendship between two people who try to resist romantic involvement with each other.

Fri, Dec. 1: When Harry Met Sally (R), 7 p.m.

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Wed, Dec. 6: Gross Anatomy (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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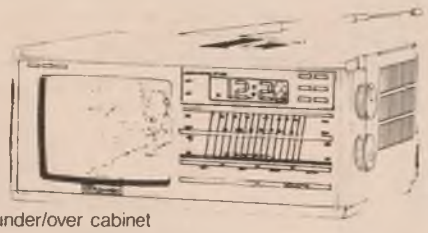
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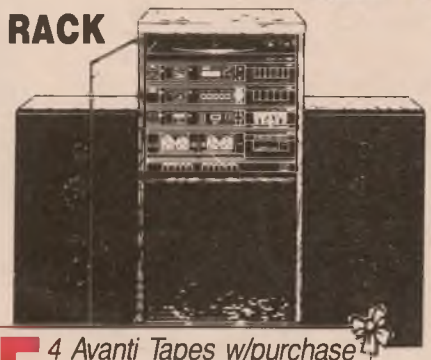
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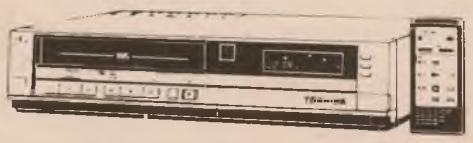


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News Briefs

Annual Christmas party

A Christmas party for children of Presidio soldiers will be held in the Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts beginning at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The party, sponsored by private citizens, will feature refreshments, singers, dancers, the San Francisco Boys' Choir and toys for children in attendance. Military ID cards will be checked at the door.

Look for more details in the Dec. 14 edition of the *Star Presidian.*

Christmas tree lighting

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Presidio Christmas tree lighting ceremony which will be held outside the Presidio Fire Department at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

The event will feature music by the Sixth U.S. Army Band, Christmas carols, remarks by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, the tree lighting and a visit by Santa Claus!

Santa Claus will be available to have his picture taken with the children.

Earthquake aid

Dec. 18 is the deadline for applying for disaster assistance. Any earthquake victim not yet registered should apply at a disaster assistance center or by telephone. Application centers, including the Presidio center in Gym No. 2, are open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Toll-free numbers will remain open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

Disaster information: **1-800-525-0321**

Application hotline: **1-800-462-9029**

More than $16 million in disaster assistance has been distributed through the temporary housing and individual and family grant programs, state and federal officials reported. As of Nov. 24, $10,871,775 was paid from the housing program, and $5,284,895 was paid from the individual and family grant programs.

NCO Day

The Presidio will hold events tomorrow commemorating the Army's 1989 theme, the Year of the NCO. Presidio NCO Day will kick off with a special ceremony at 8 a.m. at the Fort Scott athletic field. Following opening remarks by CSM Robert A. Whiteford, Sixth U.S. Army, and announcements by CSM Rose A. Aguayo, Headquarters Command Battalion, the Presidio NCOs will conduct a three-and-a-half mile race, beginning and ending at Fort Scott.

Sports competition (softball, basketball and combat handball) between companies will begin at 9:30 a.m. At 12:30 p.m. drill and ceremony teams will compete. They day's events will conclude at the NCO Club at 2:45 p.m. with a history of the NCO presentation and an awards presentation at 3:15 p.m.



photo by Duvel White

Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi (l) and Barbara Boxer return to the post theater to discuss the base closure issue.

Will the Army stay on post?

by Steve Morey

U.S. Congresswomen Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi told a near-capacity Presidio Theatre audience Nov. 30 that recent congressional action may keep some Army activities at the Presidio as "tenants" under the Department of the Interior.

"If the letter of the law—and the spirit of the law—[are] followed, we'll keep the Army at the Presidio," Boxer said to nearly 600 Presidians.

Under the proposed House and Senate Appropriations Committee plan, the Presidio could close as an Army base no later than 1995.

According to the congresswomen, the Army would then lease from the Interior Department whatever buildings and land necessary to continue its mission.

High on the list of activities which the congresswomen hope could stay under Army control are Letterman Army Medical Center, Sixth U.S. Army reserve functions, the child care center, the commissary and 1,186 military housing units.

Boxer, who represents the 6th Congressional District, which includes the Presidio, explained that "the Presidio is the only base on the commission's list to be specifically singled out in this [Department of] Defense act.

"Congresswoman Pelosi and I are very proud of that, and you should be, too, because your arguments have been heard" by Members of Congress.

The 1,400 acres of land would be controlled by the Interior Department's National Park Service which oversees the Bay Area Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Pelosi, 5th District representative, and Boxer maintain it would cost the government less to keep the Presidio an Army post than to transfer it to the Interior Department.

They drafted "report language" which outlined the minutes of the appropriations committee's meetings. Copies of the report were handed out to the soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members at the 90-minute "community meeting," the congresswoman's second on post in four months.

"If we didn't see a reasonable chance of success," Pelosi said, "we would have let everyone, especially you here at the Presidio, know." Pelosi added that she and Boxer have "reached a point" no one else in Congress has in keeping open a base recommended for closure.

In December 1988, the Presidio and 85 other military bases were recommended for closure by DoD's Base Realignment and Closure Commission. According to 1972 federal legislation, Presidio land—after base closure—reverts to the Interior Department. The 214-year-old Presidio land would be the only base on the list to stay under government control.

Through House and Senate committee action, Pelosi and Boxer isolated the Presidio for further review by the Congress and the Government Accounting Office.

At the post theater, the representatives were also armed with a GAO report, released Nov. 29. The report estimated a range of annual savings between annual costs of $6.3 million and no payback, to savings of $48.6 million over a seven-year payback period.

According to the congresswomen, the GAO report said it was possible that "taxpayers may

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Voices

Presidio View
by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Holiday spirit hits Presidio

Presidians All:

Yes, it has been another great week to be in and associated with the U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—a very special place.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, we held an All Faiths Community Thanksgiving service at the Presidio Chapel. The band and chorus, several of our Chaplains and a number of our community members joined forces to produce a beautifully moving ceremony. To each who participated, my thanks. And a special "Thank You" to Brig. Gen. Burger who gave the meditation for me as I was TDY yet again.

Over this last weekend I and most of the Sixth Army staff have been away. We attended a major conference involving all the State Adjutants General of the Sixth Army area, the Major United States Army Reserve Commanders, all the Command Sergeants Major and a large contingent of spouses. It was a very productive conference and my thanks to all the protocol, SGS and staff sections who worked so hard to make it so. And a special Hoo Ah to "Santa" who brought gifts for all our TAGs and MUSARCs.

Sunday evening was really special. The Presidio Chapel choir presented their annual Christmas Concert. It truly was an outstanding performance. Kathy Plambeck directed the affair and deserves a real loud Hoo Ah. But there were lots of others involved—the choir members—18 voices strong; the vocal and instrumental soloists, John Walko, the accompanist, the narrator, Pat Northrop; The Presidio Brass—a bells group—and the chapel staff—a real group effort that produced a truly beautiful and moving experience. Our choir was made up of folks from the Presidio Chapel, the Catholic Chapel, Fort Scott Chapel, the band, a local seminary and the community at large. So to all these folks who did so much to get us all in the holiday spirit—thanks, happy holidays and Hoo Ah!

An upcoming program that I hope each Presidian will support as they are able is our "Hands Across the Presidio" Holiday Food Basket Program. This is a program that in the past has insured that soldiers and soldiers' families that need a helping hand at the holiday season in this very expensive living area get some assistance. It's part of that old Army tradition of taking care of our own—and truly represents the true meaning of the season—that of giving and sharing. So—if you haven't heard about the program and you want to help in any way—contact Chaplain McAllister (**561-4719**) or Nancy Urban (**561-5057**) or your unit's First Sergeant.

By the time you read this the annual Presidio Holiday Concert will have taken place. Am sure CW4 Choate and our great Sixth Army Band will again thrill us. Hope to see lots of you there.

Some other upcoming events to look out for are:

Friday, Dec. 8—7:40 a.m., The NCO Day Run;

Tuesday, Dec. 12—9:15 a.m., /Soldier of the Month/NCO of the Quarter Awards Ceremony—NCO Club.

Tuesday, Dec. 12—3 p.m., Sixth Army Holiday (December) Run, Santa will visit! Wonder if he will run?!;

Wednesday, Dec. 13—3:30 p.m., Presidio Tree Lighting—Fire Station.

Thursday, Dec. 14—3:45 p.m., Monthly Retirement Ceremony—Main Parade Field.

So—come on out to all these events—join in the fun and get into the holiday spirit! Remember—every day is a great day at the Presidio of San Francisco—a very special place.

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

P.S. Do you remember what day today is? Dec. 7—a day very special to all Americans. Sometime today pause to remember all those servicemen who gave their lives for our great nation on Dec. 7, 1941.

"The worst bankrupt in the world is the person who has lost his enthusiasm."
—H.W. Arnald

Ramblin' Sam

"How do you feel about the decline of communism in the Eastern Bloc?



Col. Laura Bredemeier, chief of Operating Room, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I think it's marvelous. I think everyone should be free to make their own decisions."



PFC William E. Muegge, military policeman, Law Enforcement Company: "I feel it's good in a way. I'm not sure if it won't cause more trouble in the long run. I think because it's happening so fast, the government might not know how to respond."

Office of the Mayor
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ART AGNOS

November 20, 1989

Lt. General William H. Harrison
Commanding Officer
Office of the Commanding General
Presidio of San Francisco, California 94129-7000

Dear Lt. General Harrison:

I wanted to once again thank you and the Sixth Army for all the support given to San Francisco in the aftermath of the earthquake. You showed all of us what "community" really means, and how much the Army means to this city.

The shelters at the Presidio were especially helpful, and were crucial in helping victims of the quake get back on their feet.

Your soldiers went "above and beyond" to help those most in need and assist city departments. Most notable were the soldiers who assisted with the fire in the Marina – working on hoses and directing traffic. They somehow managed to remain clear thinking – not too easy during such a crisis!

Again, thank you for all your cooperation and assistance during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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1. Congress has designated the week of 10 through 16 December 1989, as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. The purpose of this resolution is to raise the awareness of all Americans of the serious consequences of driving while impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

2. One out of two Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident in their lifetime. Each year, more than 25,000 deaths and 500,000 serious injuries involve an alcohol and/or other drug influenced driver. Drunk driving is the number one killer of our young soldiers. Because of my deep concern for the welfare of all Presidians and their families, I urge you all to make two personal commitments; not to drive when impaired and not to ride with an impaired driver.

3. The current legal limit for intoxication in California and the Presidio of San Francisco is a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .10%. Effective 1 January 1990, this limit will be lowered and a BAC of .08% will be legal evidence of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI).

4. It is the responsibility of every commander, director, and staff chief to ensure that all personnel receive accurate information about what constitutes impairment. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (ADAPCP) has excellent training materials, including breathalyzers, and will assist you on request. Contact ADAPCP at 561-2528. A chart that gives the approximate BAC from one to four hours after consumption of alcohol is provided on the back of this letter.

5. If you do drink alcohol please do so responsibly, and remember that "friends don't let friends drive drunk." Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Real friends don't let friends drive when impaired!

William H. Harrison
WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Lieutenant General, USA
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never recoup the cost of the investment of closure."

Pelosi said she was "encouraged" by this account, adding, "[the GAO findings] are interesting because I've never [before] seen the word 'never'" listed in a chart.

"GAO was stumped by the numbers given to them by the closure committee," continued Pelosi. "They [closure committee members] made mistakes" when they added up the cost of closing the post and moving people and equipment off the Presidio.

But Pelosi cautioned the audience. "We by no means have closed the deal. Right now we have the *opportunity* to keep [Army activities at the Presidio]. Congress and GAO has given us the support," she said, holding the GAO report above her head.

"Make no mistake—there are people who will try to knock us down in our efforts." One of those groups, said Pelosi, is the Defense Department.

"DoD has been very much against our case—and maybe still is. They don't want to lose face," Pelosi said, by admitting their closure commission recommendations were incorrect.

"If anyone should impede us on this issue," added Boxer, "We'll take this case again to members of Congress—all of whom agreed with [the GAO] report."

An audience member asked, "Is the future of the Presidio known at this point?" Boxer replied, "As far as [she and Pelosi] are concerned, we should know as soon as possible."

The conference report states that "all costs associated with the development of a land use plan and/or feasability plan shall be accommodated with funds appropriated for the Army. The [House and Senate] conferees understand such costs should not exceed $1,233,000."

According to Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Dick Bridges, the Army is evaluating the actions recommended by the report language in light of the Base Closure and Realignment Act and the Base Closure and Realignment Commission Report.

"The Army will continue to keep Congress informed of our implementation plans and progress, which are still in the initial stages," he said.

Safety first at Christmas time

by Fredrick J. Bartow, Presidio fire inspector

The Christmas season is here again. For many, that means it's time to adorn our homes with decorations. This is a happy time, but all too often it turns into a time of heartache when a needless fire burn the joy out of our lives. All of these fires can be avoided if we stay aware and follow common sense fire prevention practices.

When you shop for a Christmas tree, a few simple steps can make the selection of a fresh tree easier.

Decide where in your home you are going to display your tree. With this in mind, you will be able to tell what height you will need and whether all four sides must be suitable for display.

To check for freshness, take hold of a branch about six inches from the tip. Pull your hand towards you, allowing the branch to slip through your fingers. Needles should not fall off in your hand. Lift the tree a few inches off the ground, then bring it down abruptly on the stump end. Few dry green needles should fall off. Losing some *brown* needles is normal.

If you buy your tree several days before it will be set up and decorated, store it in a garage or on a cool porch. Before you bring the tree into the house, make another fresh, straight cut across the stem about an inch above the original cut.

Use a tree stand that holds water. Trees are thirsty. Depending on the size, they may drink between two pints and a gallon of water a day, so



make sure to check daily and to supply fresh water. If you allow the water to drop below the trunk, a seal will form and a new cut will be necessary.

Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other heat sources. Turn off the tree when you leave your home and before you retire at night.

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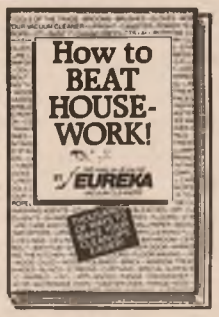
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Chuck J. LaFete tightens a platform on a metal lathe in building 924.

DOL shop is lifeline for post missions

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

After the Oct. 17 earthquake, generator mechanics on post kept shelter refugees out of the dark.

At the Marina Middle School, in San Francisco's Marina district, mechanics from the Directorate of Logistic's General Support Shop serviced as many as 15 emergency generators, keeping shelter residents supplied with light and heat.

"It always feels good when you contribute to people's safety or security," said Lawrence R. Lynn.

Lynn was one of two generator repairmen from the shop, at building 924, who volunteered to help the homeless in the shelter.

"These are good, solid, loyal people. When you get in a bind, you can count on these people to help out," said Grant K. Bailey Jr., a power support systems mechanic at the shop.

Presidians know that for a fact. The 12-man shop is a lifeline for every unit on post that completes its mission using vehicles or machinery.

Foiled fork trucks, mangled earthmovers, crushed street cleaners, bent rifle barrels—all get wheeled into the shop. Welders, sheet metal workers, electricians and machinists put them on the street again out under their own power.

For units such as Company C, 864th Engineer Battalion, which relies on heavy machinery to build roads and tank traps, the support is critical to combat readiness.

Shop foreman Jerry E. Nelson notes the facility also repairs the repair trucks—bucket trucks for electric lines and tool trucks from the Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

"We do some pretty vital work," Nelson said. "It would be chaotic if individual units had to do their own maintenance."

Machinists leader Landrico A. Carter notes that the shop once made two pumps for rough terrain fire trucks, assigned to another post, saving the Army nearly $500,000. The trucks, out of production, would have been scrapped if his shop hadn't been able to save them, Carter said.

A branch of the Directorate of Logistics, the shop doesn't limit itself to salvaging damaged equipment, though. For instance, machinist Charles J. LaFete has designed and built a "camera to microscope" adapter for Letterman Army Institute of Research.

He's also built a tool for removing filters from the Army's M-17A1 gas mask. And LaFete has constructed a sighting system for a miniature laser.

LaFete said it's "challenging" to be both a repairman and an equipment designer. However, the pressure can be intense, he admitted.

"When I'm having a problem figuring something out, I take a walk on the beach at lunch and get myself back together," said LaFete.

"If you try to rush something here, you'll mess it up. Equipment won't run right if you build a piece wrong."

Maj. Patricia O. Manns, deputy director of DOL, summed up the shop's value: "Their support is immeasurable," she said.

"They're an integral part of the mission here. We can't wait for someone else to maintain our equipment," explained Manns.

"We couldn't do without them."

Paramedics learn emergency techniques at HAAF exercise

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

A helicopter lifted two medics and an "injured" man off the roof of an airport hangar at Hamilton Army Air Field last Saturday morning and lowered them safely to the airstrip.

The dramatic flight was the high point of a search and rescue teach-in, hosted by the 343rd Medical Detachment at the airfield.

Safety and rescue techniques with helicopters was the focus of the training, which involved more than 15 private, city, state and federal disaster services.

"A [helicopter] rescue operation runs a lot smoother if paramedics know how to work safely around the aircraft," explained Sgt. Mark A. Woody, operations sergeant for the 343rd.

Woody, who designed the exercise, concentrated heavily on teaching emergency services to direct a helicopter to a disaster site.

Students from private, city, county and federal emergency services agencies, also learned how to choose a landing site for helicopters and package a casualty for air transport.

Several students said they were surprised even to learn the military could use helicopters to help civilians in a disaster.

"I didn't know they [Army helicopters] could transport patients before today," said Leda T. Thayer, an emergency medical technician in Novato, Calif.

"I figured if it was an emergency, they could make do, but they're really set up for it!" she explained.

"When [civilian] medical systems are stressed out, over-burdened, we're a natural to help," said Maj. Donald A. Davidson, commander of the 343rd, an Army Reserve unit.

Davidson said, "We realized, after the [Oct. 17] earthquake, a mass casualty situation would be hampered by bridges collapsing.

"Helicopters may be the best way to get [casualties] to definitive health care if bridges are down or freeways are damaged," he added.

Peter J. Howes, a paramedic with the San Francisco Department of Public Health explained why he felt the training was valuable.

"It streamlines the rescue operation a lot if you do the work properly the first time," Howes said.

"We want the helicopter to be on the ground the shortest amount of time possible," he added.

Novato Fire District firefighters brought the students back to earth with a "Jaws of Life" demonstration.

Two firefighters cut away the door of an old Chevy Vega in less than 10 minutes, showing students how the tool is used to cut a path to a trapped auto passenger. In another five minutes, they made the station wagon a convertible—by cutting away the roof.

Bob Navarro, chief of San Francisco Health Department Paramedics, taught rescue techniques for mass casualty disasters.

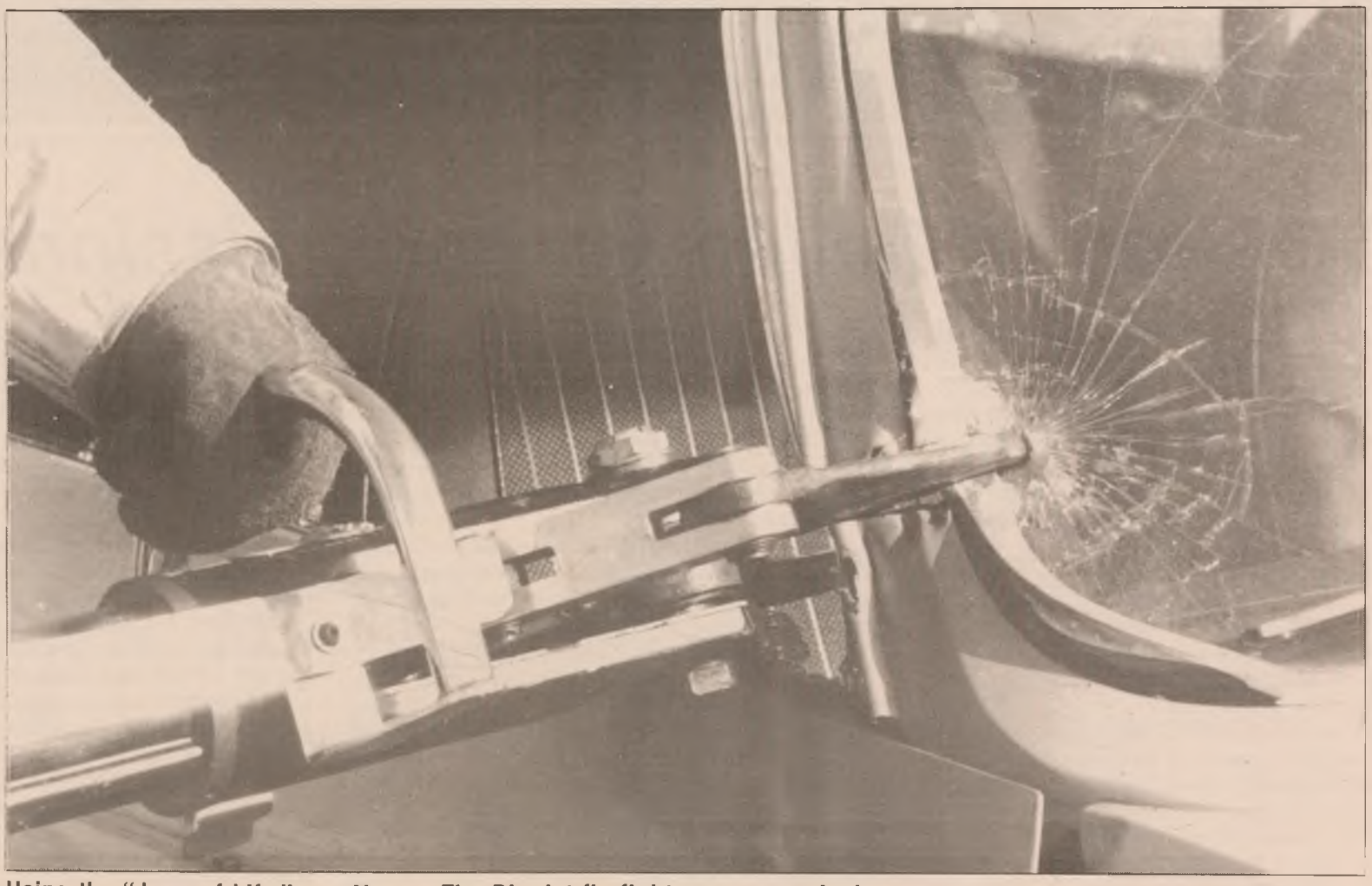
Other soldiers and civilians showed students the proper way to approach a helicopter—from the *front, in view of the pilots*—and how to board a patient.

Many students thought the opportunity to work with helicopters was unique—and necessary.

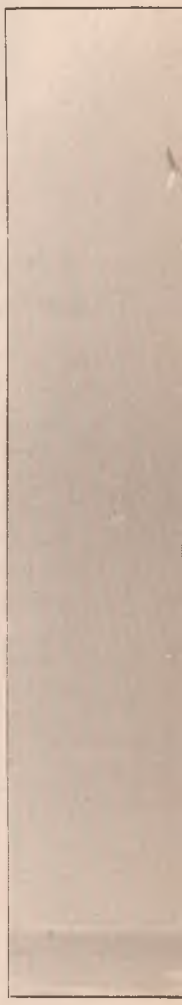
"It's thrilling for medics and firemen to be involved with air transport," said Howes, "but it's especially important that they learn the right safety techniques first."



A firefighter busts a car's windshield with the "Jaws of Li

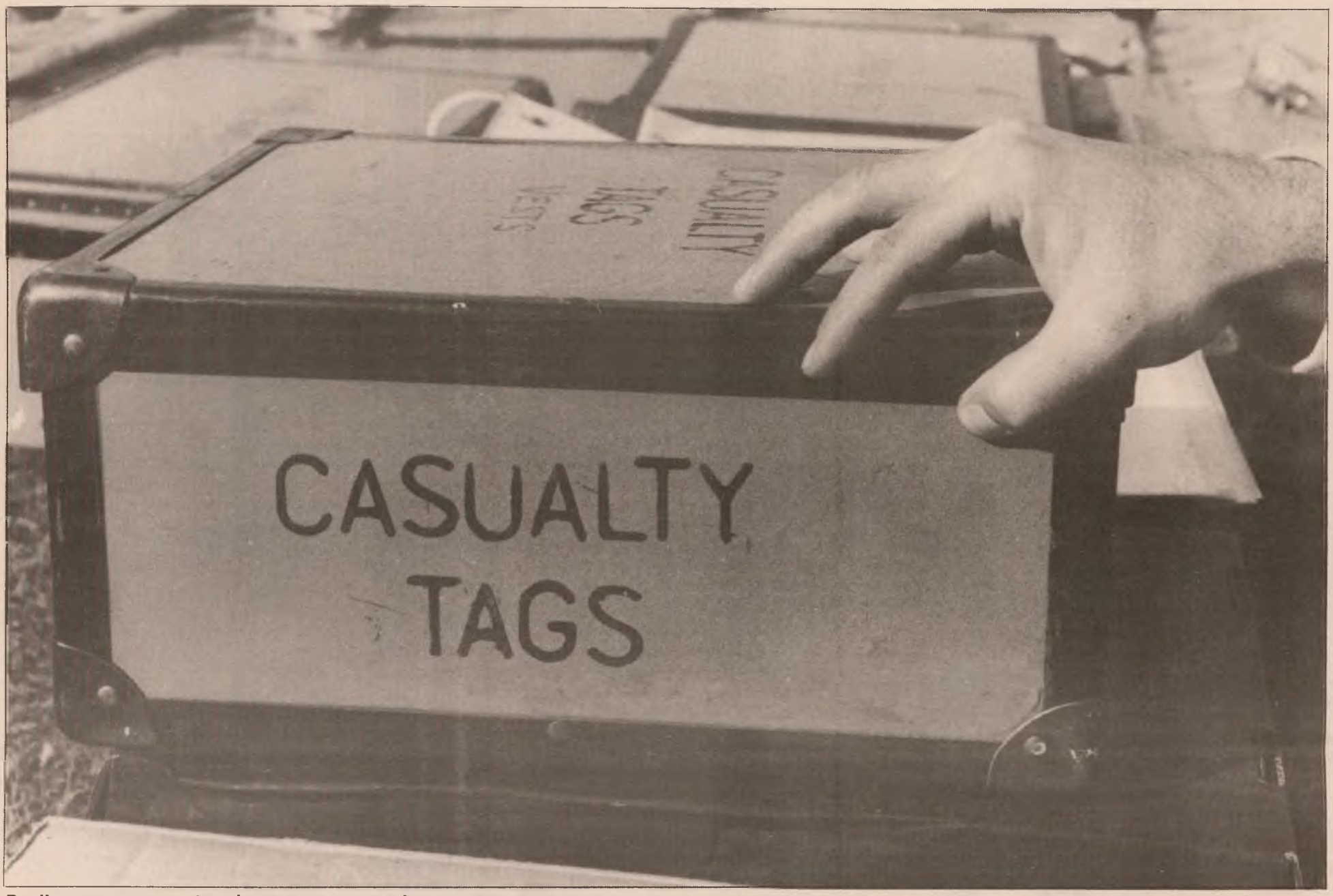


Using the "Jaws of Life," two Novato Fire District firefighters cut a car's door away.

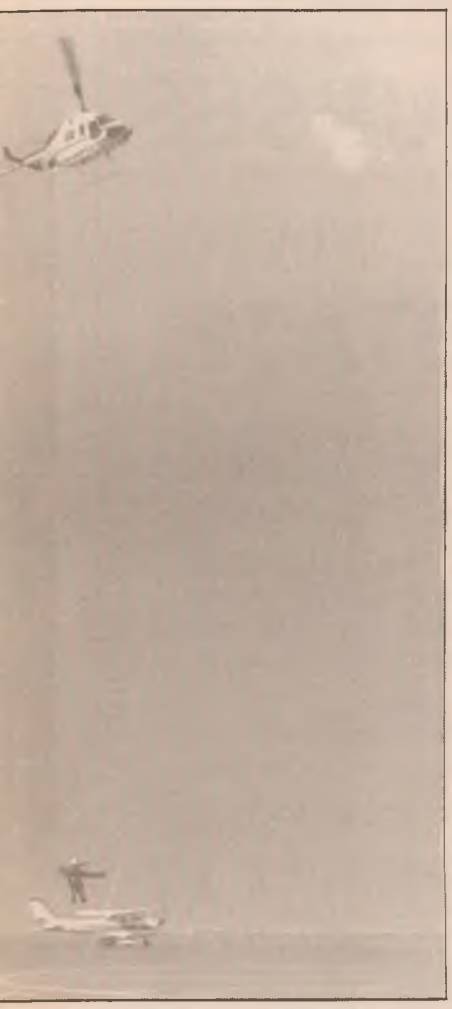


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Realism was apparent at the emergency services exercise at Hamilton Army Air Field.



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A "casualty" awaits evacuation by students during the exercise.

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Health & Sports

Poison comes in many sizes, shapes, colors

by Evelyn D. Harris

Army Dr. (Capt.) Peter Cellucci is an attending physician in the emergency room at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

He says for children under 5, the most common cause of accidental overdose is aspirin or acetaminophen. But not all of this is eaten by curious, exploring children.

"Sometimes parents give their children too much medicine because they don't read the instructions carefully, and they give a child more than a small body can handle," said Cellucci.

"Or they may give the child an appropriate dose, which lowers the fever a little, and then give the child more before the first dose has worn off. Over a period of days, this can build up to a potentially harmful level," he added.

Vitamin pills are another potential poison. "When I was at the hospital at Fort Hood [Texas], we treated overdoses of vitamin pills at least once a month," said Cellucci.

"The problem with vitamin pills is the industry has gone so far to make them pleasing to children—fruit flavors, cartoon shapes and candy coatings—that children will eat them if they aren't locked up and out of sight. It's good to teach children that vitamins are medicine, not candy, but don't rely on teaching alone to protect them," he said.

"Decongestants are also dangerous—an overdose can overstimulate the heart to a potentially fatal level," said Cellucci.

He also said that asthma medication, while a less frequent cause of poisoning, is dangerous because it is difficult to treat—and requires the quick use of special equipment.

Accidental poisonings in children younger than 6 rarely result in death. Of the 500,000 poison exposures involving young children in 1984, only 31 resulted in death.

Many poison exposures can be treated at home after a call to the emergency room or poison control center for instructions. Walter Reed and some other military medical centers have recently acquired a computer system that gives the staff fingertip access to advice on what to do for ingestion of a large number of substances. Regional poison control centers also have such information.

Poison control experts say you can get help more quickly if you keep the emergency room or poison control number on your phone. When you call, tell the expert the victim's age and weight, the poison involved (have the label ready if you have it) and whether it was ingested, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact or splashed into the eyes.

If you suspect your child has been poisned, call the San Francisco Poison Control Center at **476-6600**. On post, call the Letterman Army Medical Center Emergency Room at **561-5771**.

Of course, prevention is better than having to make a trip to the emergency room or a call to the poison center. Here are some tips from the experts:

- Keep all household chemicals and medicines out of reach and sight of youngsters.
- Throw away bottles of medicine that have passed their expiration dates. The more bottles of medicine you keep around the house, the more likely a child is to get into them. Also, medicines become less effective when they are old.
- Have a bottle of ipecac syrup available in case the poison expert advises you to induce vomiting. However, if you have HUMCO-brand ipecac, throw it away. Some HUMCO-brand eucalyptus oil—a deadly poison—was mistakenly labeled as ipecac.
- Close containers securely after use.
- Don't keep food on the same shelf as medicine or cleansers.
- Keep all poisons and medicines in their original containers.
- Never refer to medicine as candy.
- Avoid taking medicine in front of children, since they may imitate you.
- Take medicine in a well-lit room so you can see what you're taking.



American Forces Information Service

Post offers holiday tourneys

The Sports Branch will hold several tournaments during the holiday season starting Dec. 18. All events are in the afternoon hours (11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Entrance fees for all events are due Wednesday by 11:30 a.m. Organization meetings for each sport will be held Dec. 13 in Gym No. 1, building 63, as follows:

Sport	Time	Entry fee
Racquetball Men's A, Men's B (novice), Seniors (35 years and older), and Women's Open	11:30 a.m.	$5 each event
Volleyball	12:30 p.m.	$25 a team
Full-court Basketball	1 p.m.	$50 a team
3-on-3 Basketball	1:30 p.m.	$20 a team
Bowling singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles, Dec. 19 and 20; Team event is Dec. 21	no meeting; pick up entry forms at Gym No. 1	$6 each event

Teams may be formed by combining: units, DA civilians and military family members ("dependents") 19 years and older. All entries will be accepted at Gym No. 1. For more information, call Bob Darling or Bobbie Gascon at **561-5032.**

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Community Calendar



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No anchovies, please

Joe J. Cerda, a construction foreman, measures a two-by-four at the Main Post Exchange Nov. 30. Cerda is working on a new pizza parlor scheduled to open around New Year's.

Christmas Ball

This year Presidians have a lot for which to be grateful. Most of us were fortunate to have suffered very little as a result of last month's devastating earthquake. Not everyone was so lucky.

To celebrate and give thanks this holiday season, Sixth U.S. Army invites its staff and employees—and their families—to the Christmas Ball on Dec. 15. The Gala Ball will be held at the Officers' Club and promises to be an event to remember. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a reception line headed by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. Christmas dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Sixth Army Band will crown the evening.

Join the celebration and add your voice of thanks at this gala event.

Catholic Christmas religious schedule

Saturday: Leadership seminar (RAC), 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: Penance Service in Chapel, 4 p.m.

Dec. 17: Advent workshop (RAC), 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: Decorate church, 10 a.m.

Dec. 23: Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Children's Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Mass of the Nativity, 8 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Stop smoking class

Do you want to get rid of your habit of smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco? A new series of smoking cessation classes offered by Letterman Army Medical Center's Preventive Medicine might be the answer.

The 1990 classes begin Jan. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., at LAMC's Schwartz Theater in building 1105. To register, call Central Appointments at **561-5324**; or, for more information, call Jeff Brinkley at **561-3929**.

Blood drive

The next blood drive will be held Dec.14, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Dec.15, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Schwartz Theatre at Letterman Army Medical Center. This a joint blood drive supporting Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center, Fort Ord, Calif.

DEH jobs

The Civilian Personnel Directorate staff is now facing one of its toughest challenges. Directorate of Enginneering and Housing, the Presidio's facilities service organization, is critically short of personnel. The shortage within DEH has prevented them from effectively accomplishing their responsibilities. CPD must fill 42 critical positions within DEH over the next 30 days.

The following is a listing of the high-priority jobs available within DEH:

Supply Officer Housing
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Carpenter
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Housing Manager
Housing Clerk
Maintenance Advisor
Engineer Technician
Housing Inspector
Housing Clerk (Typing)
Custodial Work Inspector
Mechanical Engineer (Technician)
Engineer Project Assistant

For more informaton about these positions, call the Civilian Personnel Directorate, at **561-2801**, or stop by building 37.

POWC news

Tour change

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club December tour has been changed to **Thursday.** POWC will visit the Octagon House, which was built in 1861 in San Francisco and decorated with furnishings and art from the colonial and federal periods.

Members will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the **old** day care center on Ruger Street near the Lombard Gate. Each person needs 85 cents in exact change for the bus, and extra money for lunch on Union Street. Call Ellen Litney for reservations at **346-9436** by Tuesday.

College mixer

The club's annual College Mixer for all college-age Presidians and military family members and their guests is Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The hostess for the evening is Ellen Litney who lives at 534-B Simonds Loop. Please bring a snack to share. Call Litney at **346-9436** for more information.

Holiday meal

All officers and family members of active duty military are exempt from surcharges for holiday meals. They will only be charged for food cost.

Dancing Christmas

Come and see Youth Activity preballet, tap and tumbling class students put on a show for you! Santa will be there to greet all of the kids at the end of the show! Admission is free, but YA asks that you bring one can of food for the Hands Across the Presidio Food Basket Program. The show will be held at Schwartz Theatre Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. For more information, call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250.**

USO

The USO offers a Job Search Program for military spouses. Skills assessment; resume writing; and referrals and placement are given without charge. Register for this program at USO in building 223 (basement) or call **561-2436**, Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gym closes

Post Gym No. 1 will be used to test Air Force Academy candidates on Sunday.

The basketball court and weight room will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

All other parts of the gym will be open as usual.

ITT news

ITT will sell Golden State Warrior tickets Friday. Due to very heavy season ticket sales our purchases were limited. Your choices are; Warriors vs. Detroit on Dec. 16; Atlanta on April 1; or San Antonio on April 10.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Dec. 7: Roger Rabbit in Tummy Trouble (G) and Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (PG), 7 p.m. Rick Moranis, Jared Rushton. A scientist accidentally shrinks his children in an electronic experiment.

Fri, Dec. 8: Roger Rabbit in Tummy Trouble (G), and Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (PG), 7 p.m.

Sat, Dec. 9: The Fabulous Baker Boys (R), 7 p.m. Jeff, Bridges, Beau Bridges, Michelle Pfeiffer. Two brothers with a lounge piano act try to boost their sagging careers by hiring a lovely lady crooner.

Sun, Dec. 10: The Fabulous Baker Boys (R), 7 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 11: The Fabulous Baker Boys (R), 7 p.m.

Tue, Dec. 12: Young Einstein (PG), 7 p.m. Yahoo Serious, Odile Le Clezio. A zany, fictitious young Albert Einstein formulates the theory of relativity and invents rock 'n roll.

Wed, Dec. 13: In Country (R), 7 p.m. Bruce Willis. A Vietnam War veteran and his daughter battle the conflicts of the war's aftermath on their lives.

Thu, Dec. 14: Turner and Hooch (PG), 7 p.m. Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham. A meticulous, by-the-book police detective is teamed up with a hairy, slobbering junkyard dog.

Fri, Dec. 15: Turner and Hooch (PG), 7 p.m.

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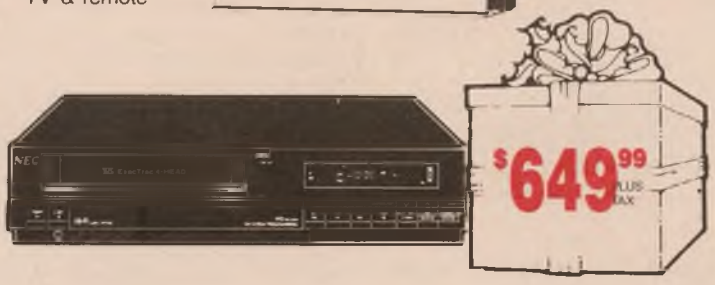
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News Briefs

Newspaper hiatus

The *Star Presidian* will not be published the next two weeks. Our next issue will hit the streets Jan. 5. Season's greetings from the Garrison and Sixth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office.

Holiday food baskets

The Presidio chaplains are sponsoring the 1989 Holiday Food Basket Program for military families with special needs. Donations of non-perishable food items and/or money should be taken to the Post Chapel, building 130, by Sunday. If you know of a family who can be helped, contact your unit first sergeants, or Chaplain (Maj.) Grant McAllister at **561-4719**, or **561-3460**.

Christmas light policy

The post holiday lighting policy forbidding the use of exterior Christmas lights on post or its subinstallations is in effect again for the upcoming holiday season in order to conserve energy.

Although individual exterior electrical displays will **not** be permitted, the traditional central displays on post will continue for everyone's enjoyment. Presidio Energy Coordinator Rob Van de Loo encourages Presidians to be clever and creative in designing non-electric outdoor holiday decorations that will still convey the true spirit of the holidays to family, friends and passersby.

Earthquake aid

Monday is the deadline for applying for disaster assistance. Any earthquake victim not yet registered should apply at a disaster assistance center or by telephone. Application centers, including the Presidio center in Gym No. 2, are open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Toll-free numbers will remain open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Disaster information: **1-800-525-0321**; Application hotline: **1-800-462-9029**.

Tax assistance

The Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board will teach a seven-day course on tax return preparation at the Presidio Education Center starting Jan. 22. Registration will be held through Jan. 9. For more information, call **561-4273**.

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Cover photo

Five-month old Marissa Thomas encounters Santa for the first time at the annual Holiday Concert last week. Photo by Chuck Blancet.



Post youths invited

Exploratorium party Tuesday

by Steve Morey

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas—not only on post, but off-post, too.

Next door at the Palace of Fine Arts' Exploratorium on Tuesday, the holiday spirit will brightly shine at this year's free "Armed Forces Kids Christmas."

According to the Youth Activities director, 2,000 donated toys await the hands and hearts of post military children, 16 years old and younger.

"This is a tremendous thank you by the community for all the military has done for the city," says Bartley Porter, "especially for the soldiers' efforts during the [Oct. 17] earthquake."

Porter explains that the 5:30 to 8 p.m. party is sponsored by a San Francisco couple, who wish to remain anonymous, and many Bay Area businesses. It seems the husband was raised an Army child, Porter says, and Tuesday's fun is the couple's way of thanking the military.

More than 400 Presidio kids enjoyed the party last year, says Porter, and as of Dec. 11, he's already received 400 reservations over the phone.

Monday is the deadline to reserve a spot for your military family; call Porter at **561-5143** or **561-5910** to make your reservations. The Exploratorium is on Baker Street, between Marina Boulevard and Bay Street.

Also scheduled is a "Talk with Santa," face painting, holiday dancing and singing, a comedian-magician, a rock band and a visit by the Pickle Family circus clowns.

The grand finale, says Porter, will be filled with "many surprises and gift-giving." Food and refreshments will be offered to the children as well.

Voices

Presidio View

by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison



Holiday Hoo Ahs for safety

Dear Presidians:

It remains a great time to be in and associated with the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco—a Very Special Place! Since this is the final edition of the *Star Presidian* until after the holidays (the next issue will appear on 5 January 1990), I want to begin and end today on SAFETY. The upcoming holiday period is very special to all of us—so please drive carefully. If you are going home for the holidays, please plan enough time to get there and back safely. And I assure each of you, should circumstances beyond your control occur—please call us and tell us you are going to be late. Don't try to drive all day and night and end up a statistic—I much prefer late, live folks to ones who will never return trying to make a deadline! So remember... SAFETY FIRST—ALWAYS!

Our Sixth Army Band outdid themselves on 5 December at the Annual Holiday Concert! It was truly a superb performance by every member. It was our Bandmaster's last concert—he changed command on 11 December and heads into retirement. On behalf of all Presidians, I wish CW4 James G. Choate and Mrs. Choate our very best. They have contributed much to the Presidio and to Sixth Army. We wish them a wonderful, healthy, happy and prosperous retirement. And to CWO Orville Gannon, our new Bandmaster—Welcome! Welcome to the Presidio of San Francisco—a Very Special Place, to Sixth Army and to the West Coast. And to our band, to the 159th Army Band, the 59th Army Band and our former band members—a real Hoo Ah for your performance. Also, a real special thank you to all our Bay Area Commander Co-Hosts. It was a great evening—a super way to begin the season.

On 8 December our Presidio NCOs held their delayed (they were scheduled to do this on 18 October!) NCO Day. It began with a three-kilometer race followed by games, food and loads of fun. My congrats to CSM Whiteford and all his supporting cast. It was well done. I ran with them (I didn't race!) and had a ball. At the end, Sgt. Mark Howard, LEC, challenged me to cut some seconds from my time by sprinting home. I tried, but these old bones will just go so fast! Anyway, thanks Sgt. Howard, you tried! Hoo Ah.

Due to the NCO run I had to attend the Military Intelligence Battalion change of command in my running gear. I apologize to all the MI soldiers for this—you all looked so very sharp—but it was this way or not at all, so I hope you will forgive me. The soldiers put on a very professional ceremony (and I met a PFC battalion staff officer—Hoo Ah!) to bid farewell Lt. Col. O'Leary and welcome to Lt. Col. Cook. I know both outgoing and incoming commanders and their families appreciated it.

On 10 December our AAFES employees had their annual party. It was well attended and well provisioned! Great meal enjoyed by a super group of employees. Happy Holidays to all our AAFES personnel. And thanks for inviting Mrs. Harrison and me to join you.

Speaking of great employees—our commissary folks have a really super program ongoing. During a designated period, the purchase of any products in our commissary displaying this sign:



will result in a donation to the Earthquake Relief Fund. What a super idea and certainly in line with the season. Look for more info on this program at the commissary—and thanks commissary employees and happy holidays.

On Tuesday, 12 December, we had a great recognition ceremony for our Soldier of the Month—Spec. Glen J. Wilmes, and our NCO of the Quarter—Sgt. Lawrence D. Reed. I always enjoy these affairs which recognize our outstanding soldiers. On behalf of all the Presidio community—congratulations to Spec. Wilmes and Sgt. Reed—and a real loud and sincere Hoo Ah!

Our Tree Lighting on 13 December was well attended. My thanks to our DPCA folks who arranged it, to the Fire Department who decorated so beautifully, and the Band, Santa and all who came and participated in any way.

Our Sixth Army Run on the 12th was a great time—thanks to CSM Whiteford and all who helped arranged the gala and to all who came out to run, walk or just to watch. Great way to get into the holiday spirit.

Over the holidays, don't forget all our folks who must work and be away from family and friends—our CQs, MPs, firemen, LAMC personnel and others. Even on holidays—some folks must work. Remember them.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish each and every soldiers, family member, civilian employee, retiree and volunteer at the Presidio of San Francisco—a very special place—a very happy and safe holiday season. Mrs. Harrison and I wish you each—depending on your persuasion—a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous 1990! We have enjoyed knowing you in these months we have been here and look forward to knowing more of you next year.

As I promised, I want to end on SAFETY. We had a great 1989 safety-wise. Over the year we had only five recordable POV accidents by PSF personnel and only one by USASIX personnel. But, that's six too many. So, please join *me in* rededicating ourselves to prevention of drunk and drugged driving and the tragedies it causes. Be careful, be thoughtful, be determined to do what we each know is RIGHT. SAFETY FIRST-ALWAYS!

Happy Holidays to all at the Presidio of San Francisco-A VERY SPECIAL PLACE!

God Bless You All,

William H. Harrison
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

"Well done is better than well said."
—Ben Franklin

Ramblin' Sam

"What do you do to make your holiday safe?"



PFC Martin W. Compton, carpenter/mason, Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion: "Since I'm going home [Springfield, Ohio], I'm going to watch my driving. I'm putting on snow tires, and I'm going to carry extra blankets and some antifreeze."



Sgt. Kong K. Oh, dental assistant, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I'm going to double-check all the wires—before I plug them in—on the Christmas decorations I'm putting up."



Spec. Garfield A. Carryl, lab technician, Letterman Army Medical Center: "I'm going to have a party, so I'm going to have my friends stay over—the ones that have to drive. That makes it more enjoyable because they can relax, and drink, and not have to worry about having to drive home."



Myra K. Grady, travel agent, Scheduled Airlines Ticket Office: "Primarily, I'm not going to overload electric plugs and I'm going to make sure all the lights are turned out when I leave the house. I'm going to stash gifts in such a way that they can't be seen from the outside. People are less tempted to break in that way."

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Safety for the holidays!

by the Presidio Fire Department

Probably the best Christmas present possible is a safe holiday season. You can protect yourself and your familiy by following these safety tips:

- Remove your Christmas tree immediately after Christmas. Never burn a Christmas tree in your fireplace or wood stove—the intense flame can damage the chimney and is an extreme fire hazard.
- Put candles in sturdy, non-flammable holders. Keep candles out of the reach of children. Extinguish candles before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Don't pile gift wrappings into the fireplace for burning. These, too, can cause intense heat and flames.
- Holidays often mean heavy cooking and an increased chance of kitchen accidents. Keep the handles of pots turned in toward the stove, where they can't be overturned by children.
- Never leave food cooking unattended.
- Turn off all appliances before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Use deep-dish ashtrays for cigarette smokers. Never empty cigarette butts into plastic or paper trash boxes. Check all upholstered furniture for cigarettes immediately after a party.
- Keep the fire screen closed on the fireplace (sparks are a common cause of residential fires at this time of year).
- Make sure your smoke detector is working! Acquaint overnight guests with the fire escape plan. Make sure each person knows how to dial emergency numbers on post.

Follow these tips and better your chances of not causing a fire during Yuletide.



- Put the base of your Christmas tree in water;
- Check the tree needles for dryness. If it is turning brown or the needles start falling off throw it away;
- Don't put your tree near a fireplace or heater;
- Make sure your Christmas lights are *UL*-listed and in good working condition;
- **Don't** follow the European tradition of burning small candles on the tree.

Presidians to visit VA patients

Veterans have taken care of their fellow Americans during dozens of battles over the last 213 years. Now its their turn to be looked after.

More than 200 patients at San Francisco's Veterans Hospital will be visited Monday at 1 p.m. by the Presidio Officers' Wives' Club and other post volunteers.

"We take presents for each patient and wish them a 'Merry Christmas' from the soldiers and their families at the Presidio," says POWC's project chairwoman, Betty Voris. She says the post women's group is the only organization in the city which visits San Francisco's veterans.

"We personally hand out gifts and goodies to those veterans who would be alone during the holidays," explains Voris.

The volunteers distribute items such as slippers, pajamas, sweaters along with fresh fruit and homemade cookies and candies. Each veteran also receives a miniature decorated Christmas tree for their rooms.

"These patients will probably receive only one gift this year—ours," she says. You only have to see an elderly man walking the halls in paper house slippers to know how appreciated our gifts are."

Volunteer help is needed in the following areas: cash donations to buy presents and flowers; people to bake candies and cookies, and tins in which to put the homemade goodies; people to sing carols and pass out gifts. Last year, adds Voris, the veterans loved seeing soldiers in uniform, sharing the holiday fun.

Voris says she's received many letters from veterans expressing their thanks for past Presidio visits. "I was a patient in the hospital when you came last Christmas," writes one veteran. "You can't imagine how much it meant to me to know that people cared about me . . . It was very special."

If you'd like to help with the visit to San Francisco's Veterans Hospital on Monday, call Voris at **285-1551**. Says Voris, "If we don't care about those veterans, who will?"

Community gives holiday thanks



Dear Colonel Swift:

I would like to take the time out to thank you and the United States Army for giving my family and other homeless a place to stay during this time of need. My heart goes out to you and the United States Army.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Ina Carpenter and family

Dear Presidians:

Thank you for your support of the recent canned food drive to benefit participants in the Hands-Across-the-Presidio Food Basket Program. Over 2,600 canned and packed food items were collected during the drive.

Special thanks are due to the boys and girls of the Presidio scout troops, and to their leaders. The efforts of the Community Life Program mayors and Army Community Service are also much appreciated.

The following organizations made donations of collected food items: Army Education Center, Child Development Center, Protestant Sunday Church School, and the Catholic CCD Program.

The following organizations made financial contributions to the Food Basket Basket Program: Post Chapel, Association of the United States Army, Presidio Enlisted Spouses Club, Pentagon Credit Union, and private individuals.

On behalf of the Thrift Shop Board, who sponsors the Hands-Across-the-Presidio Food Basket Program, thank you very much for your generous support.

Nancy Urban
Food Basket Program Coordinator

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Recruiters needed

A hometown recruiter assistance program is now on post, and soldiers are needed to return to their hometowns to help recruiters. If you are selected you will be placed on permissive TDY (temporary duty) for as long as 16 days. This TDY can be used with leave. For more information, call the Military Personnel Operations Office at **561-3297** or **561-2151**.

GI Bill changes

Presidio soldiers recently received notice on their Leave and Earning Statements that the old GI Bill will end Dec. 31, 1989. The Education Center staff offers reasuring news that most Old GI Bill soldiers are not losing their veteran's benefit entitlement on that date, but they are *changing*. If you have questions concerning old or new GI Bill benefits see one of the counselors at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216, or the LAMC Education Center, building 1014. To help the counselors, please bring a copy of your LES and your enlistment contract with you.

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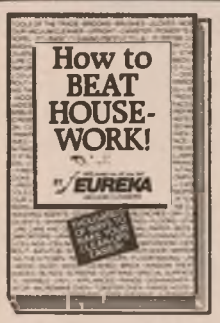
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Festive Lights

Post fire station keeps holiday tradition alive

by Duvel White

Firefighters at the Presidio Fire Station are keeping a San Francisco tradition alive.

It involves lights—thousands of lights—bears, a Christmas tree, presents, wreaths and a message of "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to Presidians and anyone else passing by the Fire Station.

A fire station decked out in its festive finest; the Presidio has the only one of its kind in San Francisco.

The tradition of decorating fire stations in San Francisco started in the 1950s as a competition between fire stations, according to Presidio Fire Chief Bill Williams. A local newspaper sponsored the contest for the best decorated fire station in the City and it grew from there.

"The lights were absolutely beautiful—I remember, as a kid, making the tour to look at firehouses," Williams reminisced. "The whole city would light up at Christmas."

Due to the energy crunch and budget constraints, the city of San Francisco and the Presidio stopped decorating fire stations some years ago. However, for the past 10 years the Presidio Fire Station has reignited the tradition of cloaking itself in Christmas decorations during the holiday season.

Until 1982 the fire station had a nearly 100-foot-tall Christmas tree flanking it. The California-style Christmas tree was actually a palm tree with ivy growing up the trunk.

But, in 1982 a storm came and high winds cracked the tree, and it had to be removed. "I remember we had a general's wife come over and try to stop us from cutting the tree down," he continued. "We didn't want to, but we had to because we were afraid it would fall on the station."

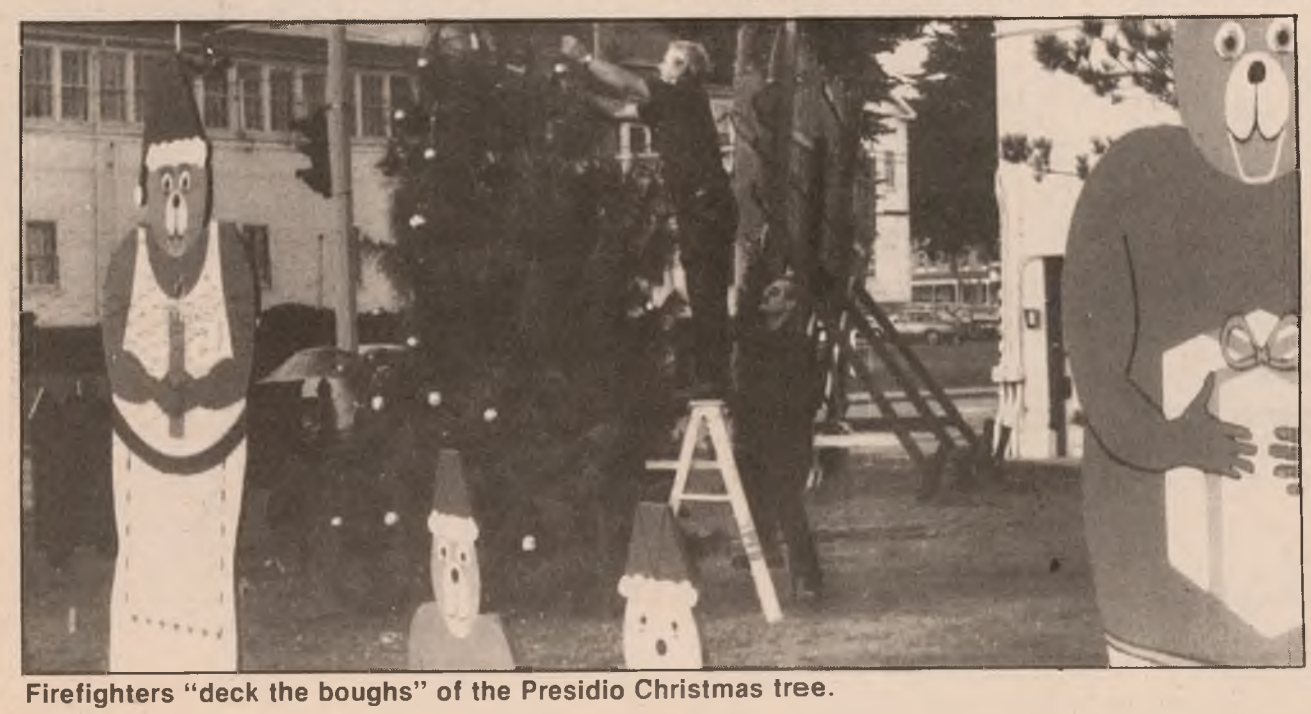
This year firefighters, led by Fire Captain, Bill Delaplaine and Britton Smith, volunteered their spare time to set up the displays and decorate a considerably smaller Christmas tree. Directorate of Engineering and Housing electricians chipped in to hook up the electricity while the DEH carpentry shop supplied the wood for display construction.

"Decorating the station brings out some of the fun of Christmas," Fire Captain Ed Moniot said. "It is a little bit of childhood wonder; seeing the sparkle, the lights, it lets you go back to seeing Christmas as something magic."

Decorating the fire station is not all Presidio firefighters are doing to bring good cheer for the holidays. They also are accepting toys to be contributed to the "Toys For Tots" program run by the San Francisco Fire Department. If you have toys to donate, just drop them off at the fire station. All toys will be distributed to needy families in San Francisco.



Firefighter Darrell Barr touches up a holiday display.



Firefighters "deck the boughs" of the Presidio Christmas tree.



Holiday wishes.

Presidio NCO Day closes out Year of NCO

story and photos by Joel P. Smith

Post soldiers celebrated a holiday of their own on Friday: NCO Day, declared by San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos.

No restful, lounge-about affair, the holiday featured combat handball, a 3.5 mile (or so) run, and unit competitions in drill and ceremony, volleyball, basketball, and softball.

About 175 NCOs wracked their bodies in the celebration.

"This is a chance for soldiers to get out of the office, compete, and have some fun," said SFC Michael T. Wood. Wood, staff chemical officer at the garrison Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization, added, "The biggest advantage of having an event like this is that it builds morale.

"If you just spend a lot of time only doing your job, you tend to stagnate," Woods explained.

"We're not robots. We like to get together and enjoy ourselves."

According to several NCOs, the competitions gave soldiers a chance to demonstrate leadership skills.

SFC Bayani B. San Jose explained, "If you spend a lot of time working by yourself in an office, you never get a chance to pass on your leadership skills to others."

"Today," he continued, "you can share the experience and the leadership you have."

While the event focused on fun, it had serious understones.

Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and post commander, said the event was part of "re-establishing the rightful role of the NCO in the Army."

Harrison explained, "The year of the NCO began because we want to get back the role of the Non-commissioned Officer—the role of preparing soldiers for war: training them; leading them in the day-to-day operations of the Army.

"In the eyes of the soldier, [the NCO is] the example, the role model," Harrison said.

"We want to perpetuate that—continue to celebrate our faith in the NCO and restore them to their rightful position in the Army."

Individual NCOs—and whole units—were most concerned with laying claim to bragging rights.

Units competing were: Sixth Army Readiness Group, Presidio; Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison; Law Enforcement Company; and Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion.

In the battle for the badge, Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, was named overall winner, with firsts in drill and ceremony, basketball and softball.

Law Enforcement Company claimed the single remaining competition, combat handball.

Sgt. John Meade, a squad leader with Charlie Company, took first in the mens division of the 3.5 mile run.

Brenda A. Rivers, with Headquarters Company, was first, with a time of 20:11, in the women's class.

Winners were awarded medallions, and second place finishers were given certificates.

In a special awards ceremony after the sports competitions, soldiers were recognized for special service to the community at an NCO Club ceremony.

Wood, one of the NCOs commended, was a given Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer work as a youth counselor in a juvenile center near post.

Another notable NCO, SFC Robert V. Colet, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for five years of volunteer work with Special Olympics. Colet is the Personnel Actions Center supervisor at Headquarters Command Battalion.

But San Jose felt the most important aspect of the event was the esprit de corps. He also agreed with Harrison's belief that the year of the NCO should be perpetuated.

"It's a good thing to bring back the spirit of the NCO Corps," San Jose said.

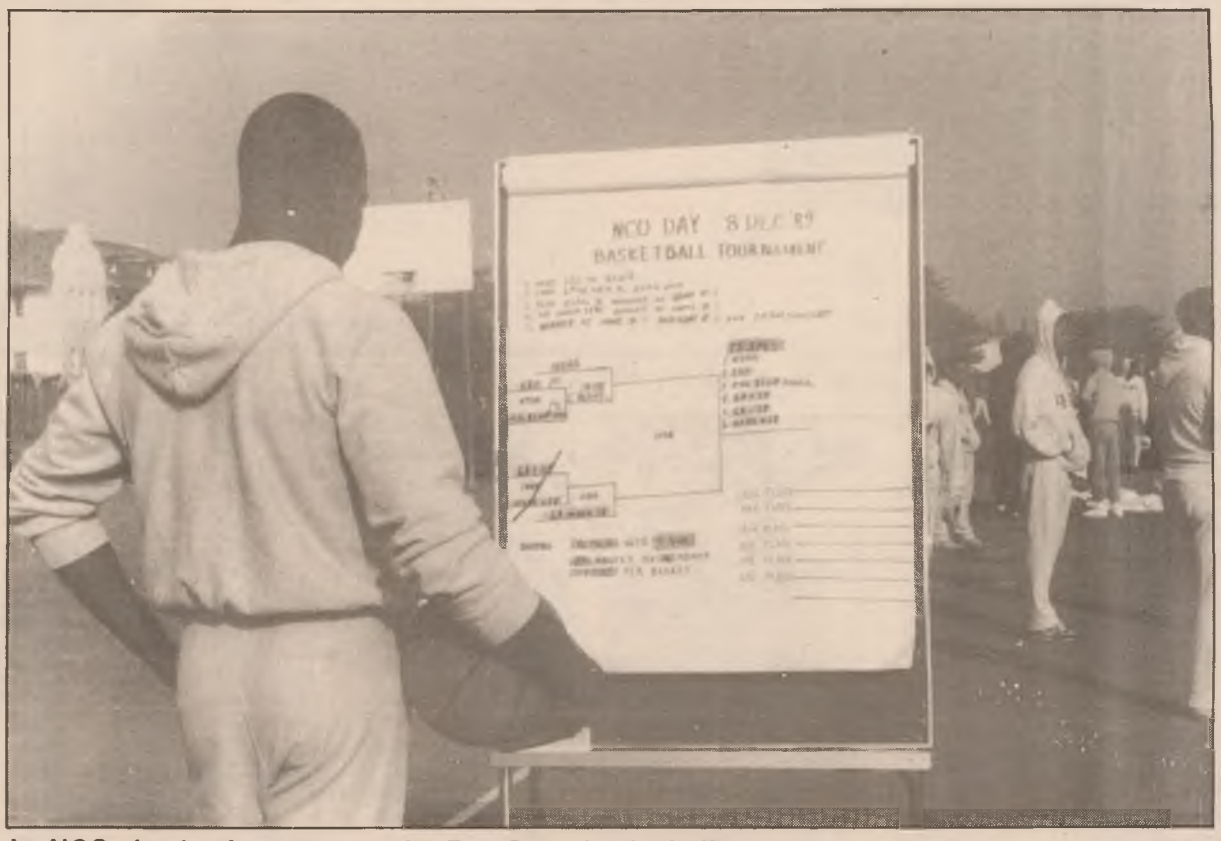
"We're still the backbone of the Army."



SSgt. Thomas Martin, from the Law Enforcement Company, crosses the finish line.



And they're



An NCO checks the scores at the Fort Scott basketball courts.



The Law Enforcement Company's SSgt. Elliot D. Powell p

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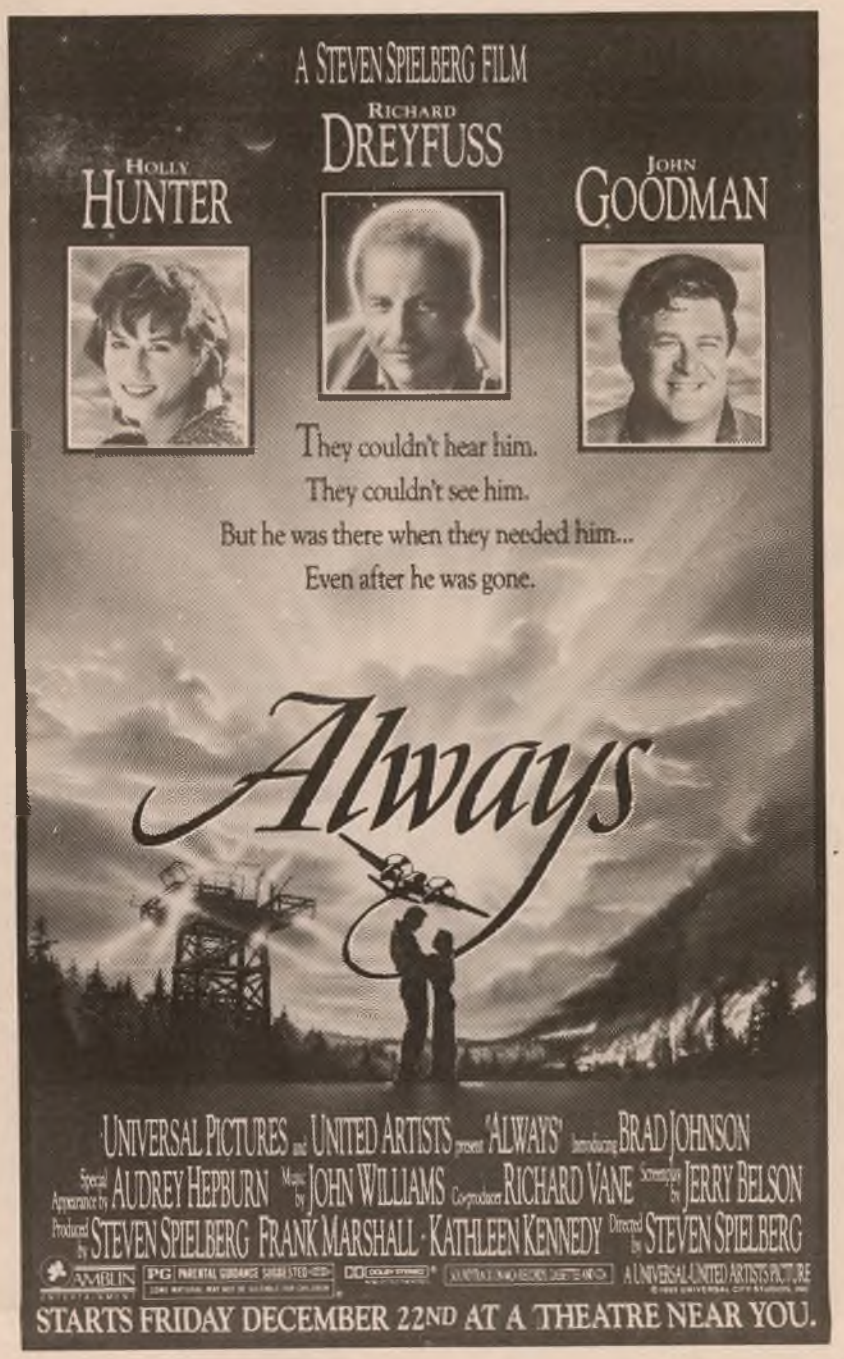
off! NCOs fill Ralston Avenue at the start of the 3.5-mile run which kicked off the NCO celebration.



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SFC Michael T. Wood gets ready to take second base during an early morning softball game.



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Tots 'n Toys

Santa clears flight plan with White House

by Joel P. Smith

Santa is an 8-year-old blue-eyed man from Jupiter who has a winter home at the North Pole and likes to travel.

At least that's the composite description of Santa we got when we inquired about his Clausness at the post Child Development Center.

Only this much is certain, according to the children: good kids get toys and bad kids get lumps of coal.

"You might not get anything if you don't listen to your parents or eat too many sweets," says Stevie Daley, 5.

"I listen to my mom," he adds quickly. "I'm gonna get some stuff for Christmas."

Stevie admits he hasn't always wanted to be on Santa's good side. "When I was a baby, I was really scared of him. I don't know why.

"That was before I knew it was him that's giving all those Christmas presents," Stevie says.

Jason Flynn, 5, doesn't doubt that Santa is a "good guy with blue eyes." Jason says Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer signals the Air Force with his nose Christmas night, which explains why Santa can invade the air space around the White House and not get shot down.

And what might Santa be doing at the White House? "Everyone needs toys," Jason explains.

Where the white haired one hails from—and even whether he *is* white-haired—is the object of some controversy.

"He's not even from this world," confides Cameron J. Clark, 6.

"He's from Jupiter or something. If he lived here," Cameron says, "the children would be able to come and see him and we'd know what he was getting us."

Five-year-old George Morris claims the guy in the red jacket with all the fluff is from San Francisco. "If I were Santa, that's where I'd want to live," he explains.

Jason disagrees. "He lives very near the North Pole," Jason says. "If he lived right at the North



Pole, there wouldn't be enough room for his house and the pole. *He might bump into it.*"

It's an old, rusty pole, adds Jason, and is at least two times as tall as a house.

Jason reminisces about pre-Yuletide, saying, "When Santa was a baby, for a very long time it wasn't Christmas. When he was about 13, his mother told him to start delivering toys."

Santa's childhood is also a subject of concern for Cameron, who says the young Claus' favorite subject was girls. That may explain why Cameron believes Santa has 58 children.

He may have been hot-blooded in his youth, but some kids feel he's getting up there in years. "He's even older than my parents," says Carissa J. Rodriguez, 6.

The big guy's age is no mystery to 8-year-old Jonathan D. Tripp. Christmas, which was Santa's idea, Jonathan explains, "started millions of years ago, or before the Stone Age."

Whatever his age is, all children agree he's terribly generous. However, Latasha Jackson, 6, claims he once mooched a piece of pie at her house. "Me and my mommy baked it for Christmas and when we got up a piece was gone," she explains.

"We didn't know who did it," says Latasha, "but my daddy said it was Santa."

Naturally, the kids realize the elves have a big part in this, too. They've got their shoulders against the grindstone, tooling out the toys "at least until 7 every night," says Stevie.

Stevie claims he doesn't know what a union is, but believes the elves all make $800 a year. "It's an important job," he stresses.

There are 10 of them, there in Santa's workshop, Stevie says, working to feed toys to the world, now pushing 890 people.

Carissa says the worst present possible would be a lump of coal. Who does she want to get the best present of all the ones Santa delivers?

"My mom," Carissa says, "I love her."

Toys are the tease, though, that try kids' souls. Stevie says he thinks about the North Pole where Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves "have to live with polar bears.

"*And,*" he emphasizes, "I worry about the toys."

Safe toys for girls and boys keep kids alive

by Evelyn D. Harris

Santa Claus checks his list twice. So should everyone else who is buying toys—to make sure they're safe and appropriate for the age of the child who is going to receive them.

Debbie Tinsworth, a statistician for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said there were 142,000 toy-related injuries that required trips to hospital emergency rooms last year. Children under 5 made 72 percent of those trips.

Fortunately, most of the injuries did not result in death or permanent damage. But there were some fatalities: Most involved choking on balloons or small balls. Other toy-related deaths and serious injuries involving riding toys that were ridden into traffic or swimming pools.

Tinsworth said that most toy tragedies were not caused by defective toys. The tragedies occurred when young children got hold of toys with parts that were too small for them to use safely or when young children on riding toys were not supervised.

The post's Director of Safety, Cheryl Homboldt, explained that "the manufacturers test those toys, then put on safety labels—according to the various age groups—for the safety and development of the child."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission does not classify bicycles and skateboards as toys and lists those injuries separately. In 1988, 535,000 bicycle injuries and 80,000 skateboard injuries required hospital treament. Three-quarters of the deaths from bicycle accidents involved head injuries, so giving your child a helmet along with the new bicycle would be a good idea. Tinsworth said the Safe Kids Program, part of the curriculum at DoD Dependents Schools and most public schools, is emphasizing the importance of wearing helmets.

Richard Ziegler, acting chief of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Technical Branch for Quality Assurance, said the two points that cannot be stressed too often are: "Be a reader when buying toys and supervise children when they're playing."

Ziegler advised parents to read and heed age limits and safety warnings on toy packages.

"It's only human to think that your child is smarter, but don't give your 1-year-old a toy intended for a 3-year-old," he said.

Age recommendations are put on products primarily for safety reasons, said Tinsworth, and products that specify "not for use by children under 3" usually contain small parts or could otherwise constitute a choking hazard. She said that toys stating "not for use by children under 8" often contain sharp points.

Humboldt said, "The most important thing to remember is that the responsibility lies with the parents. They should watch for those labels on the toy packages. Children are usually too young to read, or *understand* what the label says."

She said Presidians can call the Safety Office at 561-4424 for toy safety pamphlets, and other general safety booklets and coloring books.

Ziegler said that he has seen great improvements in the safety of toys over the years.

"Toy manufacturers are much more concerned about safety. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has made a difference. AAFES signed a memorandum of understanding with the commission last January, and it has been working well. We've alerted them to some safety hazards, and they've told us about others," he said.

Before buying toys for the exchanges, quality assurance people check them to make sure there are no safety hazards. Among the things they want to avoid are:

- Sharp points and edges;
- Small parts on toys for young children;
- Loud noises that can damage hearing;
- Absence of appropriate warnings, such as the warning on cap guns not to fire them near the face or head;
- Burning hazards, such as toy stoves that can burn a child;
- Strangulation hazards; and
- Entrapment hazards, such as toy chests that can smother a child or injure him if the lid falls.

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Community Calendar

Christmas Ball

To celebrate and give thanks this holiday season, Sixth U.S. Army invites its staff and employees—and their families—to the Christmas Ball tomorrow. The Gala Ball will be held at the Officers' Club and promises to be an event to remember. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a reception line headed by Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison, Sixth U.S. Army and Presidio commander. Christmas dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Sixth Army Band will crown the evening.

Join the celebration and add your voice of thanks at this gala event.

GRE

A free Graduate Record Examination will be given Feb. 6, 7:30 a.m., at the Fort Scott Education Center, building 1216.

You must register in person by Dec. 26 for the test which is for soldiers with bachelor's degrees who are applying for graduate school.

For more information, call an education counselor at Letterman Army Medical Center at **561-3692**, or call a post education counselor at **561-4445**.

Stop smoking class

Do you want to get rid of your habit of smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco? A new series of smoking cessation classes offered by Letterman Army Medical Center's Preventive Medicine might be the answer.

The 1990 classes begin Jan. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., at LAMC's Schwartz Theater in building 1105. To register, call Central Appointments at **561-5324**; or, for more information, call Jeff Brinkley at **561-3929**.

Gospel Service Dial-A-Ride

The Fort Scott Chapel Gospel Service is offering a **Dial-A-Ride** service for all members of the Presidio community. Everyone interested in attending the Gospel Service Sunday School at 11 a.m. and the worship service at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday can contact the Post Chapel office to arrange for transportation. Just call **Dial-A-Ride Service, 561-4719** or **561-4239**. All arrangements for transportation must be made by the Thursday before worship.



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Fire station flashback

The post fire station as it looked during the 1951 holiday season. For the story, see page 5.

Blood drive

The next blood drive will be held today from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and tomorrow from 7:30 a.m.to 12:30 p.m. in Schwartz Theatre at Letterman Army Medical Center. This a joint blood drive supporting Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center, Fort Ord, Calif.

Dancing Christmas

Pre-prima ballerinas will entertain Presidians at Schwartz Theatre Sunday at 3 p.m. The youths—students in pre-ballet, tumbling and tap dancing at the Youth Activities Center—will dance at the free event. Also, Santa will be there to greet kids at the end of the soireé.

Youth Activities asks attendees to bring one can of food for the Hands Across the Presidio Food Basket Program. Call Kathy Plambeck at **931-6250** for more information.

Tennis lights now installed

Fort Scott tennis courts nine and ten are now open. To conserve energy, lights must be switched off when leaving the courts. No lights will be used after 10 p.m. For more information, contact the Sports Branch at **561-4131**.

College Mixer

The Presidio Officers' Wives' Club will hold a college mixer Wednesday for all college-age Presidians, military family members and their guests, at 543-B Simonds Loop.

Please bring a snack to share with the hostess, Ellen Litney. Call Litney at **346-9436** for more information.

Volunteers needed

The POWC is asking for volunteers to help wrap Christmas presents for Presidians tomorrow through Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Post Exchange Mall.

Wrapping will be done at the old flower shop at the mall. The event is also sponsored by the Letterman Auxiliary and the Enlisted Spouses' Club.

If you'd like to volunteer, call Pam Hughes at **771-6746**, or Barbara Gleichenhaus at **567-0682**.

POWC luncheon

A Chinese-style dinner is the feature of the POWC Luncheon, Jan. 4, at 11:30 a.m. Carlton Tucker, with San Francisco's University High School, will present a program about China.

The cost is $12 a person; make reservations by Jan. 2. Call Gerri Margetts at **563-9807**, or Judy Goertmiller at **567-0381**.

Outdoor Rec on credit

Outdoor Recreation now accepts some major credit cards on Lake Tahoe rentals, discount ski lift coupons, and ski equipment rentals.

Package ski trips to Bear Valley Feb. 9 to 11 are $75 a person. Trips to South Lake Tahoe March 9 to 11 are $70 a person. For more information, call Information, Tour and Travel at **561-3992**.

Skis, boots and poles are $7.50 a day, or $30 a week at Outdoor Recreation. Cartop carriers for skis are $2 a day or $8 a week. The center, in building 667, also has discount ski lift coupons for Squaw Valley at $32—a $3 savings.

You can rent Outdoor Rec's two-bedroom condominium with a loft, at Incline Village, at $50 a night, Sunday through Thursday, or $70 a night Fridays and Saturdays. Call **561-4324** for more information.

ITT news

ITT is accepting pre-payments for a *Les Miserables* evening performance. Tickets are $35, plus a handling fee for front balcony seats. Payment is due Dec. 22.

The Reno casino adventure trip is Jan. 19 to 21. The cost is $70 a person, double occupancy. Transportation will be provided on a 47-passenger served. Participants must by at least 21 years.

Direct from the Soviet Union: the Soviet Acrobatic Revue! ITT has tickets for the Jan. 6 performance. The discount price is $16.

Football fans, the Jan. 21 East-West Shriners' game tickets are free with a current ID card (active duty, dependent, retiree, reservist or civilian Army employee).

The ITT office is in building 215. For more information, call **561-3992**.

Catholic Christmas religious schedule

Sunday: Advent workshop (RAC), 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: Decorate church, 10 a.m.

Dec. 23: Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Children's Mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24: Mass of the Nativity, 8 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Eucharist, 10 a.m.

At the Movies

Presidio Theatre

Thu, Dec. 14: Turner and Hootch (PG), 7 p.m.
Fri, Dec. 15: Turner and Hootch (PG), 7 p.m.
Sat, Dec. 16: Fat Man and Little Boy (PG), 7 p.m.
Sun, Dec. 17: Fat Man and Little Boy (PG), 7 p.m.
Mon, Dec. 18: Lethal Weapon (R), 7 p.m.
Tue, Dec. 19: A Dry White Season (R), 7 p.m.
Wed, Dec. 20: Second Sight (PG), 7 p.m.
Thu, Dec. 21: Closed
Fri, Dec. 22: Closed

Hamilton Theater

Fri, Dec. 15: Weekend at Bernie's (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sat, Dec. 16: Red Scorpion (R) 7 p.m.

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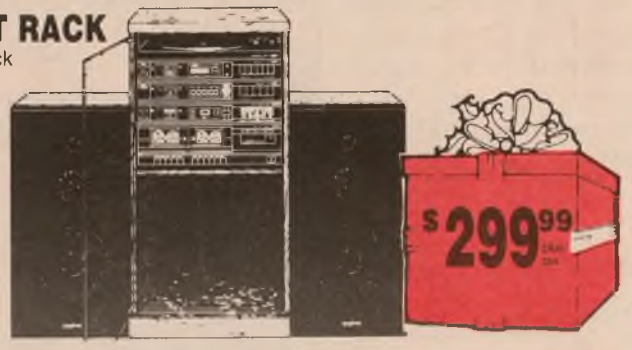
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